

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 8-28-74

FROM : Mr. Heim

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA
AUGUST 15-22, 1974

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SA Coll, External Affairs Division, with Bureau approval, attended captioned Convention in a liaison capacity. The following matters of interest are set forth.

NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION:

Coll was elected Secretary of this Commission, which handled a total of 161 resolutions. Three resolutions concerning the Director and the Bureau were consolidated into one resolution. This resolution cited Mr. Kelley for performing admirably, efficiently, and effectively as Director of the FBI, and through his leadership the FBI maintained its position as the Nation's top law enforcement agency and remained nonpolitical. The resolution commended Mr. Kelley for his leadership and also commended the FBI for its efficiency and dedication to duty. It called for a copy of the resolution to be forwarded to the President, the Attorney General, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and Mr. Kelley. (Copy attached)

Other resolutions of interest called upon the President to revitalize the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications and to properly maintain and keep the listing current; urged the retention of the House Committee on Internal Security as a standing committee of the U.S. House of Representatives; and called upon enactment of legislation to permit voluntary prayer in public buildings. Other resolutions of interest pertained to drug abuse, Soviet-American relations, the Middle East, Soviet-American Trade, Strategic Arms Limitations Talks, the Panama Canal and gun legislation. The Convention also passed a resolution calling upon all law enforcement agencies to fulfill

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- 1 - Mr. McDermott - Encls.
- 1 - Mr. Walsh - Encls.
- 1 - Mr. Mintz - Encls.
- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt - Encls.
- 1 - Mr. Heim - Encls.

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their responsibilities when any crime is known, or there is reasonable cause to believe that a crime has been committed, irrespective of the circumstances or wishes of others, in order that our Nation may be a Nation of law and order. The Legion also reaffirmed its opposition to general amnesty for Vietnam conflict draft evaders.

CONVENTION EVENTS AND VISITORS:

FLA The American Legion's Fourth Estate Award (presented annually for outstanding public service in the communications field) was presented to syndicated columnist and TV commentator James J. Kilpatrick, Jr. The award cited Kilpatrick for his "special contribution to America, which stems from his emergence as one of the outstanding leaders of objective thought in the Nation today." The American Legion Distinguished Service Award, which the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover received in 1946, was awarded to two individuals during the 1974 Convention--Congressman F. Edward Hebert, Democrat of Louisiana, and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Congressman Hebert was presented the award on Wednesday morning, whereas Secretary of State Kissinger received his award in conjunction with an address he delivered before the National Commander's Banquet on Tuesday evening. The general consensus was that Kissinger's remarks were the first significant foreign policy address of the Ford Administration.

Security during Kissinger's visit to Miami Beach was extremely tight, as several anonymous threats on his life had been received. The Miami Office of the Bureau was well aware of these threats and maintained close liaison with the U. S. Secret Service. During his address on Tuesday evening, approximately 100 Cuban and Greek Americans picketed outside the hotel. Some of the Cubans, who said they wanted to protest any reopening of diplomatic relations with Cuba, identified themselves as members of Alpha-66, an exile group. Some of the signs carried by the pickets stated "Don't let Castro drive this Ford," and "Get Turks out of Cyprus."

Among those addressing the Convention proper were the Honorable Reubin Askew, Governor of Florida; the Honorable Chuck Hall, Mayor of Miami; General David C. Jones, United States Air Force Chief of Staff; [redacted] of the Hearst Newspaper Chain; VA Administrator-designate Richard Roudebush; in addition to Congressman Hebert and Mr. Kilpatrick. Among those

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addressing the various committees and commissions were Lt. General Leo E. Benade, Assistant Secretary of Defense; Lt. General Robert E. Huyser, Deputy Chief of Staff for the United States Air Force; Major General Norman W. Gourley, U.S. Marine Corps; Rear Admiral John D. Chase of the U.S. Navy; and Rear Admiral Staser Holcomb of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Others addressing committees and commissions included Mr. John E. Davis, Director of the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency; Mr. Byron Pepitone, Director of Selective Service; Mr. James V. Day, Commissioner, Federal Maritime Commission; Senator Vance Hartke, D-Indiana; Congressman William Jennings Bryan Dorn, D-South Carolina; Bernard Goldberg, President of Schenley's Industries, Inc., Astronaut Frank Borman, now a vice president of Eastern Airlines, and Patrick Morris, Deputy Director of the Office of Panamanian Affairs of the Department of State. Numerous other individuals connected with the military, including Rear Admiral Jeremiah A. Denton, a repatriated prisoner of war; representatives of various civic groups from throughout the United States, and various participants in youth organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America and the Boys Clubs of America, also appeared before several committees and commissions.

NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER:

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James M. ~~X~~Wagonseller, aged 54, of Lancaster, Ohio, was elected the new National Commander for the Legion Year 1974-1975. Wagonseller is a former Advertising Director of the Lancaster Eagle-Gazette, and has been a very active and successful realtor in Ohio. During World War II, he was a member of the 98th Bomb Group of the 15th Air Force, and flew 50 combat missions. He holds many military decorations, and has been extremely active in civic affairs, having held such offices as President of the Lancaster area Chamber of Commerce, President of the Lancaster Kiwanis Club, President of the United Appeal, and President of the Community Service Council. He is personally known to SA Coll, and is friendly disposed to the Bureau. We can look forward to full cooperation with him in the year to come. Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning him.

In conversation with Mr. Wagonseller during the Convention, he commented that he was extremely pleased that Mr. Kelley had accepted the invitation to be the principal speaker at the dinner honoring the National Executive Committee in Indianapolis in October, and that he is certainly looking

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forward to meeting Mr. Kelley personally and to Mr. Kelley's appearance before the leaders of The American Legion. Several other national officers and top leaders in the Legion also expressed their pleasure with Mr. Kelley's acceptance, and indicated that they were certainly looking forward to his remarks.

Special Agent in Charge Kenneth W. Whittaker and SAs Paul A. Scranton and Vincent T.K. Stacey worked tirelessly during the National Convention to be of assistance both in the evenings and over the weekend. They all made excellent impressions on distinguished Legionnaires to whom they were introduced and, accordingly, it is recommended that they be commended.

No letter is being recommended at this time thanking the new National Commander for the resolution concerning the Director. It will be noted that the last resolved clause of the resolution resolves that a copy of the resolution be sent to Mr. Kelley, in addition to other individuals. It is felt that this resolution should be acknowledged at the time a formal copy is sent to Mr. Kelley.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the attached letter be sent to newly elected National Commander James M. Wagonseller. He should also be added to the General Mailing List. *Sent 8-30-74 HRC*

(2) That this memorandum be referred to the Administrative Division for preparation of commendation letters for SAC Whittaker and SAs Scranton and Stacey. *[Signature]*

ADDENDUM: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION 8-28-74 GTQ:jo

SA Thomas B. Coll, Research Section of this Division, be commended for his excellent services as the Bureau liaison representative at captioned National Convention.

Appropriate letters attached for
SAC, Whittaker, and SAs Paul A.
Scranton, Vincent T. K. Stacey,
and Thomas B. Coll. *Sent 9-13-74 HRC*

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COMMENDATION, CLARENCE M. KELLEY, DIRECTOR,
AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WHEREAS, Clarence M. Kelley was appointed Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 9, 1973.

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley has performed admirably, efficiently and effectively as Director of the FBI.

AND WHEREAS, Through his leadership the FBI has maintained its position as the Nation's top law enforcement agency, insisting at all times that the FBI remain nonpolitical and that its work be based strictly on merit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion assembled in Miami Beach, Florida, August 16th - 23rd, that Clarence M. Kelley be commended for his leadership of the FBI since becoming Director, and the FBI also be commended for its efficiency and dedication to duty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Attorney General, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and Mr. Kelley.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 9-13-74

FROM : Mr. Heim *hjl*
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SUBJECT: *0* THE AMERICAN LEGION - GENERAL
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S DINNER
HONORING DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
OCTOBER 9, 1974
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
SPEECH BY THE DIRECTOR

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The Director is scheduled to speak before the American Legion's National Commander's Dinner honoring distinguished guests on October 9th in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. William E. Hauck, National Adjutant of The American Legion, telephonically contacted the Bureau on September 12, 1974, and inquired as to whether he or any other members of The American Legion could be of any assistance to Mr. Kelley in connection with his trip to Indianapolis.

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Mr. Hauck advised that the banquet, at which there will be approximately 500 people, is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Athletic Club in Indianapolis. It will be preceded by a reception, commencing at 6 p.m. Mr. Hauck advised that in his numerous travels to Indianapolis he believes the best airlines flight is American Airlines non-stop Flight 313, leaving National Airport at 3:30 p.m. (EDT) and arriving in Indianapolis at 3:56 p.m. (EST). If the Director has no objections, Mr. Hauck would like to have no more than two prominent legionnaires meet Mr. Kelley on his arrival in Indianapolis and escort him to the Athletic Club, where The American Legion has already reserved a suite for Mr. Kelley. Thereafter, Mr. James M. Wagonseller, the National Commander of The American Legion, would meet Mr. Kelley in Mr. Kelley's suite at approximately 6:30 and escort him to the reception at approximately 6:50, leaving the Director in attendance.

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- 1 - Mr. McDermott
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at the reception for an approximate ten-minute period.
Mr. Hauck added that the head table at the banquet is a
small head table, usually of approximately 12 people,
and that the entire affair should be concluded by 9 p.m.
Mr. Hauck also added that in the event Mr. Kelley has
any personal friends in the Indianapolis area he would
like to have invited to this dinner, The American Legion
would be more than pleased to extend invitations to them.
It is noted that representatives of the Indianapolis Office
of the Bureau will automatically be invited to this banquet,
as they have for many years in the past.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the Director indicate his travel plans
to Indianapolis in order that such plans can be furnished
to Mr. Hauck.

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Mr. Hauck 9-26-74
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(2) That Mr. Hauck be advised it would be entirely
acceptable for two prominent legionnaires to meet Mr. Kelley
on his arrival in Indianapolis. SA Coll of the External
Affairs Division, who is the Bureau's liaison representative
to The American Legion, would accompany these two legionnaires.

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(3) That Mr. Kelley indicate any personal friends
that he may have in the Indianapolis area whom he would like
to have invited to the banquet.

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J. M. C. 9th*

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TO DIRECTOR FBI NR 150-23

LEGAT MANILA NR 012-23

FROM LEGAT HONG KONG (80-136)

JAMES M. WAGONSELLER, NATIONAL COMMANDER. THE AMERICAN LEGION - National

REBUCAB, SEPTEMBER 12, 1974.

LEGAT MET MR. WAGONSELLER AND MR. KRAJA AT KAI TAK AIRPORT
HONG KONG, SEPTEMBER 24, 1974, AND ASSISTED THEM THROUGH
CUSTOMS AND TO HOTEL. WAGONSELLER APPRECIATIVE OF COURTESIES.
AND MENTIONED HOW PLEASED HE WAS DIRECTOR HAS AGREED TO
ADDRESS NATIONAL COMMANDERS BANQUET. ITINERARY REMAINS SAME
AS THAT INITIALLY SET FORTH.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 9/23/74

FROM : Mr. Heim

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION, NATIONAL
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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The annual meeting of the National Executive Committee and Commissions of the American Legion will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing on Monday morning, October 7th, and concluding on Thursday afternoon, October 10th. SA Thomas B. Coll, who is the National Commander's representative to the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee and the DCI Bureau's liaison representative with the American Legion, has received an official call to attend these meetings. It is noted that the Director is the principal speaker at a banquet being given by the National Commander of the American Legion for distinguished guests on Wednesday evening, October 9th. *Ro*

The Counter-Subversive Activities Committee, which is a part of the Americanism Commission, has a number of resolutions which, because of their delicate nature, were referred from the National Convention in Miami Beach and will have to be acted upon. These resolutions, for the most part, deal with matters in the internal security field.

In view of the fact that SA Coll has received an official call from the Legion to attend these meetings, he will be reimbursed by the Legion for his transportation to and from Indianapolis, it is recommended he be permitted to attend.

RECOMMENDATION

That SA Coll, who is the approved national representative with the American Legion, be permitted to attend the above meetings.

- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Heim

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September 25, 1974

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Mr. William F. Hauck
National Adjutant
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Hauck:

Thank you for writing on September 18th and for sending me a copy of the Resolution passed by your organization at its 56th National Convention.

I am indeed grateful for your support of my direction of the FBI and I trust this Bureau's activities will continue to merit your approval. My associates and I would appreciate it if you would express our gratitude to your colleagues as well.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: Bufiles indicate prior cordial correspondence with Mr. Hauck who is on the Bureau mailing list. Mr. Kelley is scheduled to address the National Commander's Dinner of the American Legion in Indianapolis 10-9-74.

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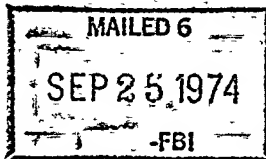
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September 18, 1974

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Kelley:

The National Convention of The American Legion last month adopted a resolution commending you for your leadership of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and commending the agency for its efficiency and dedication to duty.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the resolution in accordance with its second resolve clause.

Sincerely yours,

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WILLIAM F. HAUCK
National Adjutant

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[Signature]

56TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUGUST 20, 21, 22, 1974

RESOLUTION: 564

COMMITTEE: Americanism

SUBJECT: Commendation, Clarence M. Kelley, Director, and
the Federal Bureau of Investigation

WHEREAS, Clarence M. Kelley was appointed Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 9, 1973; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley has performed admirably, efficiently and effectively as Director of the FBI; and

WHEREAS, Through his leadership the FBI has maintained its position as the nation's top law enforcement agency, insisting at all times that the FBI remain nonpolitical and that its work be based strictly on merit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Miami Beach, Florida, August 20, 21, 22, 1974, that Clarence M. Kelley be commended for his leadership of the FBI since becoming Director, and the FBI also be commended for its efficiency and dedication to duty; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Attorney General, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and Mr. Kelley.

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Mr. James R. Wilson
Director
National Security-Foreign
Relations Division
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

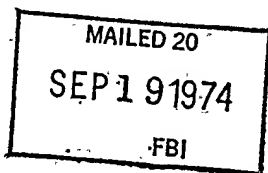
Wilson

Dear Mr. Wilson:

It was a pleasure to receive a copy of the National Security Report which was enclosed with your letter of September 12th and I thank you for giving me an opportunity to read this interesting and thought-provoking document. I have always had the highest respect for The American Legion and I am proud of the long and friendly relationship which exists between your organization and the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director



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NOTE: Wilson is on the mailing list to receive Bureau publications.

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For God and Country

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September 12, 1974

Mr. Clarence Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the National Security Report adopted by the 56th National Convention of The American Legion. National

The resolutions which were adopted will serve as a base for our legislative and programming activities during the remainder of 1974 until our National Convention meets in Minneapolis, Minnesota next August. I would like to call your particular attention to the resolutions contained in the report of the Law and Order Subcommittee which should be of particular interest to you.

Since its inception, The American Legion has made the maintenance of a strong national defense one of its principal objectives. We plan to continue to support this objective in the future.

Very sincerely,

JAMES R. WILSON, Director
National Security-Foreign
Relations Division

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JAMES M. ~~WAGONSELLER~~, NATIONAL COMMANDER, THE AMERICAN-LEGION-NATIONAL

PHIL IS.
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RE HONG KONG NITEL SEPTEMBER 24, 1974.

LEGAT MET MR. WAGONSELLER AND HIS AIDE ON ARRIVAL IN MANILA
SEPTEMBER 27, 1974. THEIR VISIT WAS HOSTED BY THE LARGE AMERICAN
LEGION CONTINGENT IN MANILA AND THE REGIONAL OFFICE, U. S. VETERANS
ADMINISTRATION.

MR. WAGONSELLER SPOKE VERY HIGHLY OF COURTESIES AND ASSISTANCE
RENDERED BY LEGAT PRECHTL IN HONG KONG.

DEPARTURE OF PHILIPPINE AIRLINES FLIGHT FROM MANILA TO
HONOLULU NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 30 WAS EXTENSIVELY DELAYED. AT REQUEST
OF WAGONSELLER, THE HONOLULU OFFICE WAS ADVISED VIA MILITARY
TELEPHONE CIRCUITS OF THE DELAY.

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cc - Mr. W. Annall

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6:35PM HST NITEL OCTOBER 2, 1974 JVS

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FROM: SAC, HONOLULU (80-290)

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JAMES M. WAGONSELLER, NATIONAL COMMANDER, THE AMERICAN LEGION.

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RE BUAIRTEL TO LEGATS, SEPTEMBER 12, 1974.

CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL AND HIS AID, MYLIO KRAJA, WERE
MET AT HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 4:30 P.M., SEPTEMBER 30,
1974. HIS FLIGHT FROM PHILIPPINES HAD BEEN DELAYED APPROXIMATE-
LY 7 HOURS DUE TO MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. HE WAS EXTENDED
USUAL COURTESIES ON HIS ARRIVAL FROM THIS OFFICE. HE EXPRESSED
TO ME HIS GREAT APPRECIATION THAT DIRECTOR KELLY IS SPEAKING
AT HIS BANQUET ON OCTOBER 9, 1974 AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

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MR. WAGONSELLER DEPARTED HONOLULU AT 5:15 P.M. THIS
DATE FOR CHICAGO AND COLUMBUS, OHIO VIA UNITED AIRLINES
FLIGHT 990 AS SCHEDULED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. JENKINS

DATE: 10/8/74

FROM : J.J. MC DERMOTT

SUBJECT: THE NATIONAL COMMANDER'S DINNER
AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
APPEARANCE BY THE DIRECTOR
10/9/74

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The Director is scheduled to be the principal speaker at captioned dinner tomorrow evening in Indianapolis Indiana.

This appearance is scheduled to take place in the Ballroom located on the 4th floor of the Indianapolis Athletic Club with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

We have determined that this facility, while not modern, is well appointed, well lit and the acoustics are excellent as is the public address system. The Ballroom is approximately 60 feet wide and 120 feet long. The head table will be located along the width of one side of the Ballroom with the result being that most of the guests will be seated to the right and to the left of the Director with tables approximately 4 deep in front of the head table. The head table will be elevated approximately 3 feet above the floor and, in addition to the Director and Mrs. Kelley, national officers of the Legion will be at the head table to include the National Commander, 5 National Vice Commanders, the National Chaplain and the National Adjutant. Approximately 500 people are expected to attend.

We have learned that Kenneth B. Hale, Chief of Police of Indianapolis, as well as Robert L. DeBard, Superintendent of the Indiana State Police, will be in attendance in the audience.

It should be here noted that the Director will be met at the airport following his arrival by Charlie Bacon, a Past National Commander of the Legion, who is from Missouri, Don Jeffery, a current National Vice Commander from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, SAC Jim Martin and SA Tom Coll of the External Affairs Division, who is an official of the Legion.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Heim
1 - Mr. Malmfeldt
- 1 - [Redacted]
1 - Telephone Room
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 9/26/74

FROM : Mr. Heim

SUBJECT: JAMES M. WAGONSELLER
NATIONAL COMMANDER
AMERICAN LEGION
REQUEST TO MEET MR. KELLEY ON
EITHER OCTOBER 16, 17, 18, 30, 31
OR NOVEMBER 1, 1974

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Over the years it has been customary for the newly elected National Commander of the American Legion to pay a courtesy call on the Director shortly after his election. Bill Hauck, National Adjutant of the American Legion has advised that the newly elected National Commander, James M. Wagon seller, would be in Washington on October 16, 17 and 18, and again on October 30, 31 and November 1st and, if possible, would like to call on Mr. Kelley on one of those days. He would be available at any time convenient to the Director. He will probably be accompanied by his aide, Mylio Kraja, an investment broker and past Department Commander of the American Legion for the State of Ohio. It is noted that Mr. Kelley congratulated Wagon seller on his election as National Commander and that Mr. Kelley is scheduled to be the principal speaker at a banquet for distinguished guests being hosted by Wagon seller during the meetings of the National Executive Committee and Commissions of the American Legion in Indianapolis on October 9th.

Wagon seller, age 54, of Lancaster, Ohio, was elected the new National Commander for the Legion year 1974-75 in Miami Beach, Florida, last August 22nd. He is a former advertising director of the "Lancaster Eagle Gazette" and has been a very active and successful realtor in Ohio. He has been extremely active in civic affairs and is a veteran of World War II, having flown some 50 combat missions. Bureau files contain no derogatory information concerning Wagon seller or Kraja. It is noted that the Bureau had cordial correspondence with Kraja while he was Department Commander of the Ohio American Legion in 1959-60.

RECOMMENDATION

That Mr. Kelley indicate whether he will be able to meet with Commander Wagon seller and his aide on either October 16, 17, 18, 30, 31 or November 1st.

1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Telephone Room

1 - Mr. Malmfeldt
1 - Mr. Heim

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THE NATIONAL COMMANDER
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 17, 1974

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you very much for taking time from your busy schedule to receive the National Adjutant and myself in your office yesterday. We enjoyed meeting with you again and discussing matters of mutual interest. You are assured of our Organization's full support.

We sincerely hope that you enjoyed your recent visit in Indianapolis and I want to again thank you for appearing before our Banquet. I have heard many compliments on your splendid presentation and hope that we can call upon you again in the future.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

JAMES M. WAGONSELLER

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

OFFICE OF NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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October 9, 1974

Mr. David Bowers
Special Agent
Congressional Liaison Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Main Justice Building
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Powers:

Enclosed is a blind memorandum on the Internationalist
Tendency that I prepared for our own use. Please feel free to make
whatever use of this that you desire but, if it is used outside of
your Agency, please do not attribute it to the Committee.

Please furnish me with a copy of Director Clarence M. Kelley's
address on October 9th to the national commander's dinner of the
American Legion.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Minority Chief Investigator

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POST 586
AMERICAN LEGION
ADAMS, NEW YORK
INFORMATION CONCERNING

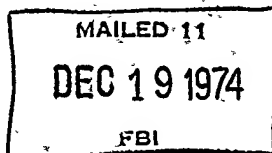
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With reference to your request, a search of Bureau files fails to reveal any indication of a special service certificate being awarded to Post 586. It is noted, however, that during World War II we had a program in which the officers of various American Legion Posts throughout the country cooperated in furnishing us information on internal security matters which came to their attention. It is believed the certificate referred to by Commander Robert H. Dawson may have been given to the Post as a result of cooperation of this type.

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NOTE: A search of Bureau indices regarding Post 586 was negative.

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Date: 12/10/74

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel Airmail
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (80-0) (P)

SUBJECT:
Post 586
American Legion
Adams, New York
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 12/10/74, ROBERT H. DAWSON, Post Commander of captioned organization, advised that he was recently going through records of the organization, and discovered a special service certificate awarded to the unit from the FBI for services to the FBI during WW II, bearing the signature of the late J. EDGAR HOOVER. *D.H.*

He said that the certificate has no number or date on it, and no other identifying data, but if he could learn the basis for the award, he would very much like to frame and display the certificate at the American Legion Building. *M*

Albany indices negative re captioned organization.

The Bureau is requested to advise Albany of any information available which could be furnished Mr. DAWSON regarding the reason for issuance of certificate during or after WW II, similar to the item described above.

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

December 18, 1974

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*American Legion - National*Mr. James C. ~~Watkins~~[redacted]
[redacted]
Lusby, Maryland 20657

Dear Mr. Watkins:

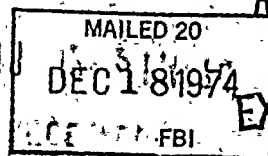
Your many friends in the FBI were indeed sorry to learn of the death of your wife and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to you. I know what it is like to lose a loved one and I hope you will find comfort and solace from the knowledge that others are thinking of you and share your sorrow.

Sincerely,

Clarence Kelley

NOTE: Mr. McDermott's office telephonically advised that Mrs. Watkins died on the evening of December 16th. Mr. Watkins is Director of Public Relations for the American Legion and is a good friend and supporter of the Bureau. He met Mr. Kelley in October when the Director spoke in Indianapolis. Address furnished by Mr. McDermott's office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 4/7/75

FROM : D. W. Moore, Jr.

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, APRIL 28-MAY 1, 1975.

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The annual meeting of the National Executive Committee and Commissions of the American Legion will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing on Monday morning, April 28, 1975, and concluding on Thursday afternoon, May 1, 1975. SA Thomas B. Coll, who is the National Commander's representative to the Americanism Commission and the Bureau's official representative with the American Legion, has received an official call to attend these meetings.

The Americanism Commission has a number of resolutions which, because of their delicate nature, were referred from the National Convention in Miami last Fall and will have to be acted upon. These resolutions, for the most part, deal with matters in the internal security field. Contact will also be had with all of the commissions and committees which in any way relate to the activities of the Bureau.

In view of the fact that SA Coll has received an official call from the Legion to attend these meetings, he will be reimbursed by the Legion for the cost of his transportation to and from Indianapolis.

RECOMMENDATION

That SA Coll, who is the approved national representative with the American Legion, be permitted to attend the above meetings.

1 - Mr. Moore

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To: Legal Attaches, London
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From: Director, FBI

JAMES M. WAGONSELLER
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION

Captioned individual, who was elected National Commander of the American Legion for the 1974-75 term at the National Convention in Miami Beach, Florida, is making an official trip to Europe and will be accompanied by his wife; William F. Hauck, National Adjutant of the American Legion and Mrs. Hauck; Leonard Gagliardi, National Commander's Aide and Mrs. Gagliardi. Wagonseller is a prominent realtor from Ohio and is a strong supporter of the Bureau.

There is attached for all offices receiving a copy of this communication the itinerary for Wagonseller and his party.

Legat, Bonn is being advised for information only. Other Legats should meet and extend usual courtesies to Wagonseller upon his arrival in your respective headquarters cities.

The Alexandria Office should meet this party on their return to the United States and render assistance.

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NOTE: The Washington office of the American Legion has furnished the attached itinerary for the National Commander and has requested assistance. We have in the past extended usual courtesies to National Commanders on their travels outside the Continental United States.

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CITY	TIME	DAY	DATE	CARRIER
National Commander and Mrs. Wagonseller Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hauck Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]				
Lv. Washington - Dulles	7:30 pm	Sunday	May 18	Pan Am 106
Ar. London - Heathrow	7:30 am	Monday	May 19	
HOTEL RESERVATIONS: SAVOY HOTEL				
Lv. London - Heathrow	11:00 am	Wednesday	May 21	BE 916
Ar. Dublin	12:00 noon	Wednesday	May 21	BE 935
Lv. Dublin	8:10 pm	Wednesday	May 21	
Ar. London	9:10 pm	Wednesday	May 21	
Lv. London - Heathrow	2:00 pm	Friday	May 23	BE 44
Ar. Paris - DeGaulle	3:55 pm	Friday	May 23	
HOTEL RESERVATIONS: FRONTENAC HOTEL				
Lv. Paris - Orly	2:45 pm	Tuesday	May 27	Lufthansa 115
Ar. Frankfurt	3:55 pm	Tuesday	May 27	
HOTEL RESERVATIONS: INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL				
Lv. Frankfurt	3:55 pm	Thursday	May 29	Lufthansa 965
Ar. Munich	4:40 pm	Thursday	May 29	
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Lv. Munich	9:45 am	Monday	June 2	Alitalia 425
Ar. Rome	12:10 pm	Monday		
HOTEL RESERVATIONS: EXCELSIOR HOTEL				
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Lv. Rome	10:05 am	Saturday	June 7	Pan Am 67
Ar. Washington - Dulles	4:25 pm	Saturday	June 7	
National Commander and Mrs. Wagonseller - Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gagliardi				
Lv. Washington - Natl.	8:55pm	Saturday	June 7	TWA-279
Ar. Columbus	10:08pm	Saturday	June 7	
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TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 5/5/75

FROM : D. W. Moore

SUBJECT: National
THE AMERICAN LEGION SPRING MEETINGS
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, APRIL 28-MAY 1, 1975

The national committees and commissions of The American Legion and also the national executive committee of the Legion met in Indianapolis from April 28-May 1, 1975. SA Thomas B. Coll of the External Affairs Division attended captioned meetings. During the opening session of the Americanism Commission, Daniel J. O'Connor, Chairman of the Legion's national Americanism Commission, called for a suspension of the rules and after approval spoke very strongly in support of the FBI and the entire intelligence community of our country. He was very critical of the news media and also of several liberal Members of Congress for their attacks on the FBI and CIA and other intelligence activities. He urged strong support for the Bureau and, as a result of his comments, a resolution was prepared by the national executive committee of The American Legion reaffirming the Legion's complete confidence in the capability, integrity and indispensable need for continued excellent service of the FBI and the CIA. (Copy of the resolution is attached.)

Numerous other resolutions which had been referred from the National Convention last Fall were also acted upon during these meetings. Action was taken by the national executive committee to transfer all operations of The American Legion magazine from New York City to Washington, D. C. This transfer is to commence on July 1, 1975, and be concluded by January 1, 1976. It was learned confidentially that the present Editor and Publisher of the Legion magazine will be replaced by Raymond J. McHugh. McHugh is the former Vice President and Bureau Chief of Copley Press and is well known to numerous Bureau officials. He has been a strong supporter of the FBI for many years and has already advised that he will be more than willing to assist the Bureau in any way that he possibly can through The American Legion magazine after he becomes the Editor and Publisher.

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1 - Mr. Moore (CONTINUED-OVER)

1 - Mr. Malmfeldt

1 - Mr. Heim

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Moore to Jenkins memorandum
Re: The American Legion Spring Meetings

Numerous individuals in attendance at these meetings expressed great concern over the unwarranted attacks on the Bureau and the other intelligence agencies of the country and pledged their full support and offered to assist in any way possible.

RECOMMENDATION

For information.

In view of the strong stand which Mr. O'Connor took concerning the Bureau it is felt that the attached letter should go forward to him.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency both charged with the protection and preservation of the security of the United States since their inception have served with distinction and honor in carrying out this vital mission; and

WHEREAS, In the course of discharging of their obligations to their superiors, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have been subjected to harsh and severe criticism resulting in undermining employee morale and impeding progress of these agencies in carrying out their traditional and lawful goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 30-May 1, 1975, That the National Commander, the National Executive Committee and the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion reaffirm their complete confidence in the capability, integrity and indispensable need for continued excellent service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General of the United States, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency with a view to giving all possible aid and encouragement to the personnel of these agencies in carrying out their vital mission of protecting the security of the United States, particularly at this stage of world history which reflects the spread of communism and subversion of freedom.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 5/19/75

FROM : D. W. Moore, Jr.

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION - National /
NATIONAL CONVENTION
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
REQUEST FOR BUREAU SPEAKER

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Mr. James Wilson, Director of the National Security Commission of The American Legion, has telephonically contacted the Bureau and inquired as to whether it might be possible to obtain a Bureau official to address the combined National Security Commission and Committee meetings during the National Convention of The American Legion in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. Wilson advised that these combined committees include the Law and Order Committee of The American Legion and they were desirous of having a Bureau official speak on the problems facing law enforcement today and how citizens and groups such as The American Legion can assist law enforcement. He stated that they would like to have the speaker for Friday afternoon, August 15, 1975, during the meetings at the Leamington Hotel in Minneapolis. He commented that he was present during meetings of the Overseas Press Group of America in New York City when Assistant Director McDermott addressed this group. He stated that he was very much impressed with Mr. McDermott's speech and inquired as to whether it might be possible for Mr. McDermott to address his meetings.

The National Security Commission, of which the Law and Order Committee is a part, is a very influential committee of The American Legion. There will be approximately 200 to 300 individuals present during these meetings who come from each of the 50 states of the United States and it is felt that this would be an excellent opportunity to get the Bureau's message to an influential group of citizens interested in assisting law enforcement. In the event Mr. McDermott is approved for this appearance, arrangements can be made for him to appear before other committees and commissions of The American Legion on the same day.

RECOMMENDATION

That Assistant Director McDermott be approved to handle this request.

- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt
- 1 - Mr. Heim

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Date: 5/27/75

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: *✓* LEGAT, PARIS (80-208) (RUC) *Germany*

RE: JAMES M. *X* WAGONSELLER *France*
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION *Madagascar*

ReBuairtel 4/15/75. *General*

National Commander WAGONSELLER was met at Charles DeGaulle Airport, Paris, France, upon arrival from London, 5/23/75, and appropriate courtesies were rendered to him and members of his official party. Commander WAGONSELLER and his associates were most appreciative of the courtesies rendered and expressed their appreciation to the Bureau and the Paris Office for this consideration. The Commander and his party departed on schedule from Paris en route to Frankfurt, Germany, 5/27/75. *W*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 7/22/75

FROM : D. W. Moore, Jr.

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, AUGUST 14-21, 1975
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The National Convention of The American Legion will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, beginning on August 14th and extending through August 21st. Approximately 40,000 Legionnaires and members of the auxiliary are expected to attend this Convention. Some 5,000 official delegates will be in attendance.

The National Convention is, of course, the governing body of The American Legion and all important mandates emanate from the Convention. Past experience has shown that numerous resolutions considered at these conventions have a direct bearing on the FBI and the FBI's relations with other agencies in the law enforcement and intelligence communities. The Bureau has, over the past 20 years, maintained liaison with The American Legion and has designated Bureau representatives to attend the Legion's National Convention and other national meetings.

SA Thomas B. Coll of the External Affairs Division is the Bureau's liaison representative with The American Legion and is also the National Commander's representative to the National Americanism Commission. SA Coll has received an official call from the national organization and, therefore, the cost of his transportation to and from the Convention will be paid by The American Legion.

RECOMMENDATION

That SA Coll be authorized to attend captioned Convention in a liaison capacity.

1 - Mr. Moore

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 28, 1975

The attached, August, 1975, issue
of "The American Legion," was
sent to the Director. References
are made to the Director and the
FBI on pages 17 and 18 of the
attached publication.

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MR. ADAMS ☒
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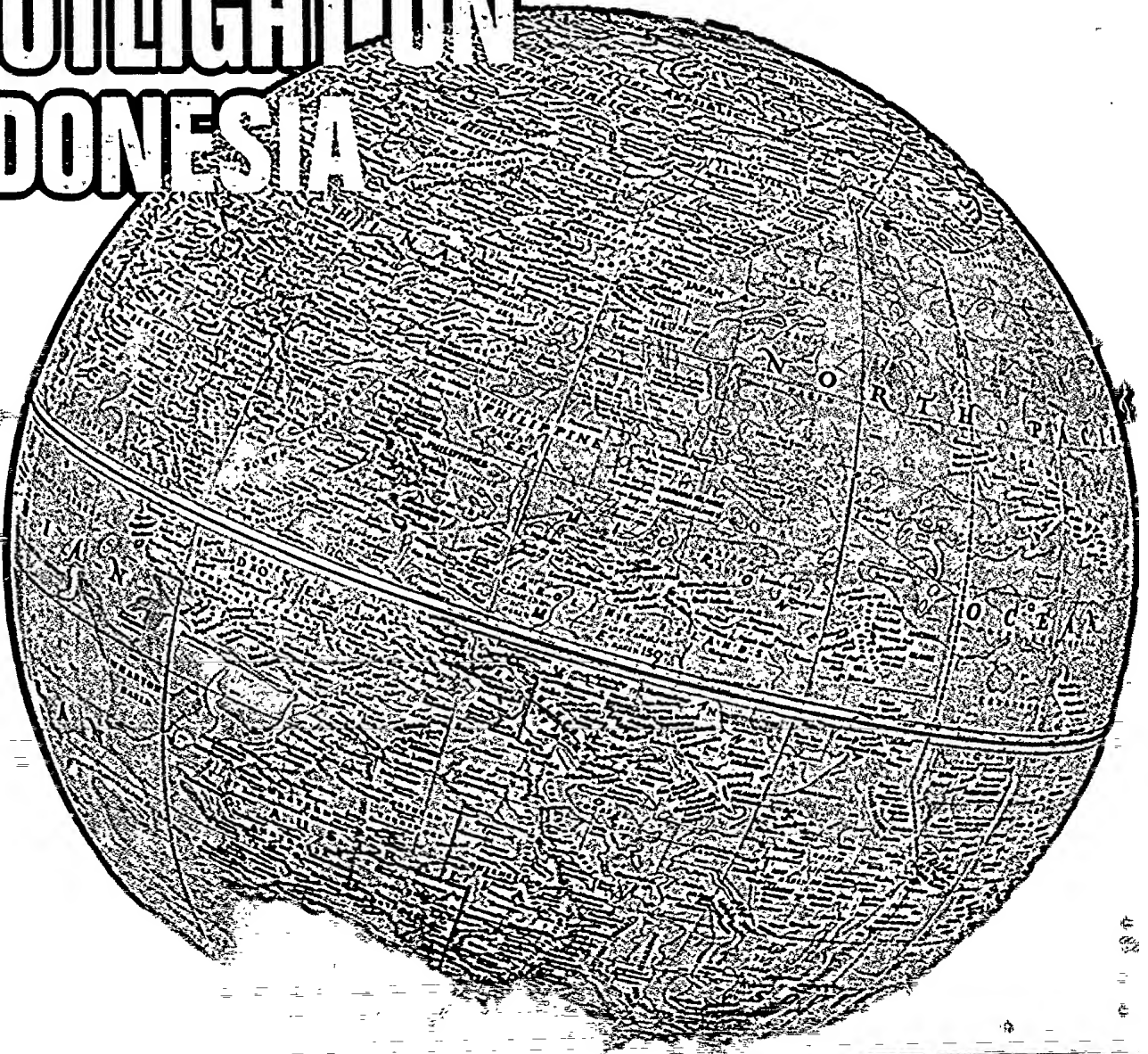


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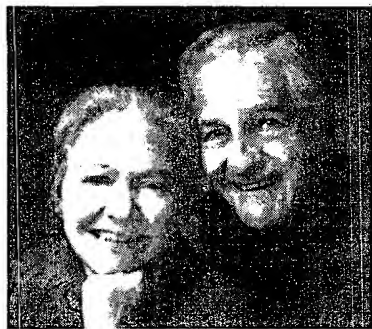
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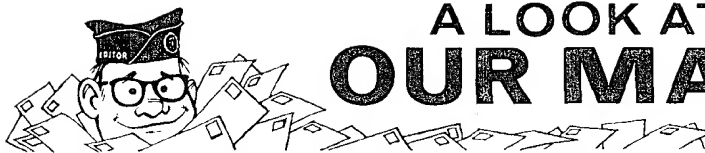
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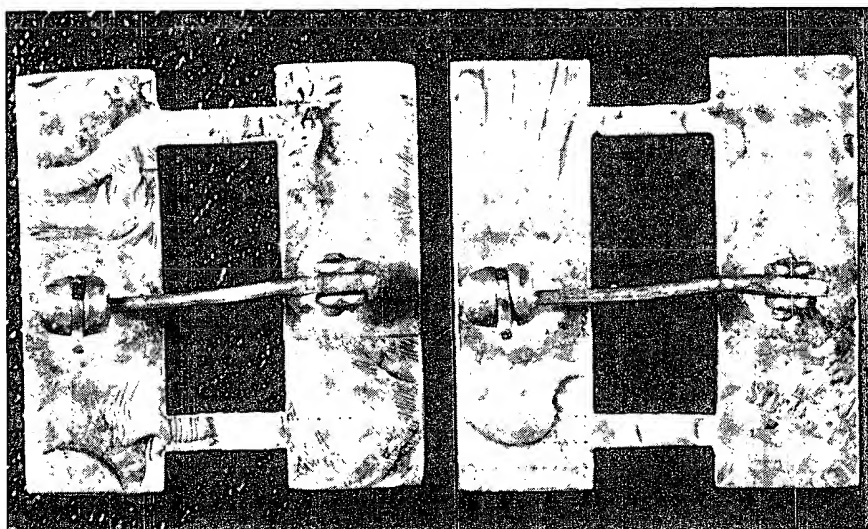
W.F. Cloud, of Norman, Okla., and **Nola Rigdon**, of Crescent, Okla., seized their pens on catching author Mark Rhodes in a slip at the end of his story on the Oklahoma Land Rush in our June issue. Mr. Rhodes innocently said that Old Glory was unfurled from "the capitol dome in Oklahoma City" on Nov. 16, 1907, when Oklahoma became the 46th state. Mr. Cloud and Mr. Rigdon knew that the capital was then Guthrie, and Mr. Rigdon was actually in Guthrie on that day and saw the flag unfurled from the steps of the Guthrie Carnegie Library. Both noted that Oklahoma City didn't become the capital until 1910, that the capitol building has no dome, and Cloud added that the capitol wasn't completed until 1917. This is a good example of how, in six words based on ordinary assumptions, a writer can make mistakes that it takes far more words to correct.

Craig Wilson, editor of the Akron, Ohio, Beacon Journal's "Action Line," writes to tell us that, with the help of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, it has been determined that the crew members aboard the *U.S.S. Tingey* (DD-539) in 1962 are classified as Vietnam veterans and are entitled to certain VA benefits. "The destroyer sailed into Vietnam waters

March 10, 1962, and sailed out again March 13, 1962," Mr. Wilson states, and the crew should have military records corrected if they do not now show Vietnam duty. The crew "should also keep this fact in mind when applying for various states bonuses and other forms of veterans rights available to them."

Joseph C. Salak, a contributor to our Parting Shots page, recently donated his fee for a joke we bought to The American Legion's Freedom Bell Fund. "If it wasn't for your Newsletter in the April 1975 issue," he writes, "I never would have known that I was entitled to a WW2 bonus from Illinois. I moved to Florida 13 years ago. Thank you." The donation was in appreciation.

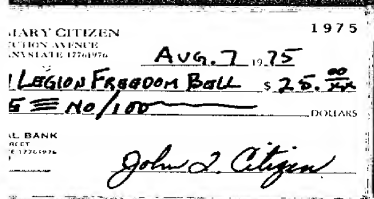
Robert and Marylee Diamond, directors of the Liverpool, N.Y., Youth Center, write to "salute the officers and members" of the local American Legion Post 188, on behalf of the youth center's staff. "This Post has supported us in many ways, not only with monetary contributions, but also by sending a representative for our Board of Directors and by allowing us to use their facility. Post 188 lives up to the Legion's longtime concern for youth and youth programs."



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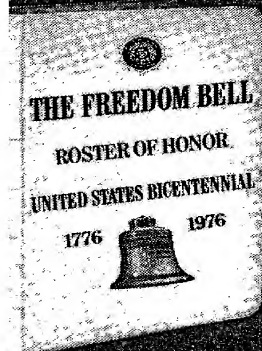
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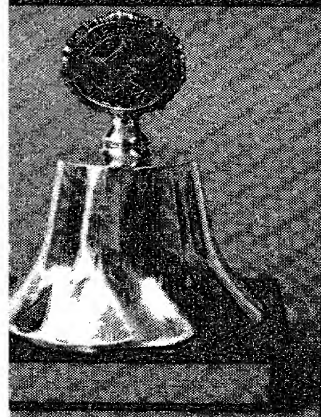
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Most of our country's most fascinating Bicentennial landmarks are off the beaten paths and super-highways and have received little national publicity. Few Americans know, for example, that Maine has 10 colonial forts; one of the most interesting is Fort Popham on the site of an ancient Viking village near Bath, which defended the Kennebec River in four wars: the Revolution, War of 1812, Civil War and Spanish War. At "Cow Cove" in Vaughn Woods on the Salmon Falls River near South Berwick, the first cows in New England were landed from the ship "The Pied Cow" in 1634.

In Massachusetts, the homestead of Captain Myles Standish is in Duxbury, also his grave and those of John and Priscilla Alden. Fort Phoenix at Fairhaven was the scene of the first naval battle of the Revolution in 1775. The unusual Benton Mansion in Tolland, Connecticut, is celebrated for the ghosts of the Hessian soldiers it housed during the Revolution. It was built in 1720. Sunnyside (1785) at Tarrytown, N.Y. is the spectacular "cocked hat" stone mansion of Washington Irving, author of "Rip Van Winkle" and the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

Virginia is rich in Americana. Jamestown (1607) was the first permanent English settlement in the New World. Petersburg has an unusual crater; it was formed when Union troops exploded four tons of powder under the Confederate lines. The first railroad junction in the world is at Branchville, South Carolina; the RR station's fancy dining room, patronized

by Presidents McKinley, Taft and Teddy Roosevelt, still serves guests. At Perryville, Kentucky, shrines commemorate one of the Civil War's bloodiest battles in which 6,000 soldiers were killed in one day. At Loretto, Kentucky, a tiny distillery still hand-makes its bourbon as it did two centuries ago, brand-named Maker's Mark.

Toolesboro, Iowa is the site of the first visit of white men to the Mississippi's west bank in 1673. From Quinter, Kansas, you can take a three-day ride across bad country in a vintage covered wagon, complete with Indian raids and outlaw gunmen. South of Santa Fe, New Mexico is the large ghost town of Madrid (1803); it's for sale with houses, church, schools, restaurants, even a railroad locomotive. Asking price: \$1 million. Besides ghost towns, the Midwest is dotted with numerous old forts used to subdue the Indians. In Texas, Fort (Jefferson) Davis, built for protection from the Apaches, actually used imported camels for desert maneuvers. California's contribution is Fort Ross above San Francisco, established in 1812 by Russia and abandoned 30 years later. Had the Russians been better frontiersmen and held on, it might now be one of their missile bases.

Some of our historic landmarks are amusing. Webster, Massachusetts, settled in 1713 and named after Daniel Webster, is located on Lake Charogoggagomanchaugochaubunagungmaug, an Indian name which means, "You fish on your side of the lake. I fish my side. Nobody fishes in the middle." In Dawsonville, Georgia, there's

a log-cabin tribute to the state's moonshiners. In the doorway stands a statue of the great Indian Chief White Lightning, and inside are real stills and a real ex-moonshiner to tell you how it's done. A hundred years ago in barren parts of Oklahoma, dried cow chips (or flops) were burned as fuel. While collecting them, settlers threw them into their wagons, sometimes long distances. Now chip-throwing is a sport in Beaver, Oklahoma, with a World Championship held every year. Raleigh, Mississippi, near Jackson, has revived another old-time sport and now holds a National Tobacco Spit annually. It's in August. The record distance is almost 26 feet.

For complete lists of historic places of interest such as these, write to each state's Department of Tourism at the state's capital city. Your request will reach the proper office, although it might be known by a different name. For information on National Park events and Bicentennial celebrations, write the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 20240.

GARDENING is the hobby of 76-year-old Mrs. Billie Jacobs Wright of Reidsville, N.C. She recommends plastic forks for identifying new plants. When they're pushed into the ground handle-first, name cards can be inserted in the tines. They're colorful, too.

CARRY some rubber balloons or rubber bands in your tackle, suggests Dave Enge of Waunakee, Wis. When you have to clip a split-shot to your monofilament, first put a small piece of the balloon or 1/4-inch of rubber band in the split. It will keep the shot from slipping. Rubber from the balloon takes up the least space.

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By R. B. PITKIN

THIS LABOR DAY, the MacArthur Memorial Foundation in Norfolk, Va., plans an extensive observance there of the 30th anniversary of the final official act of the Second World War, which was the signing of the Japanese surrender document on board the battleship *U.S.S. Missouri* in Tokyo Bay on Sunday, Sept. 2, 1945.

The Foundation, which lists on its letterhead an impressive array of distinguished people, has been trying to get as many survivors of the events on board the *Missouri* as possible to take part in the ceremonies. In fact, if any who were aboard the *Missouri* on that day read these words, and have not been contacted, the Foundation would appreciate hearing from them posthaste, at P.O. Box 1010, Norfolk, Va. 02351.

Quite a crowd was on board, including military officers and dignitaries of many nations, the approximately 2,000-man crew of the *Missouri*, and nearly 200 war correspondents from all over the world.

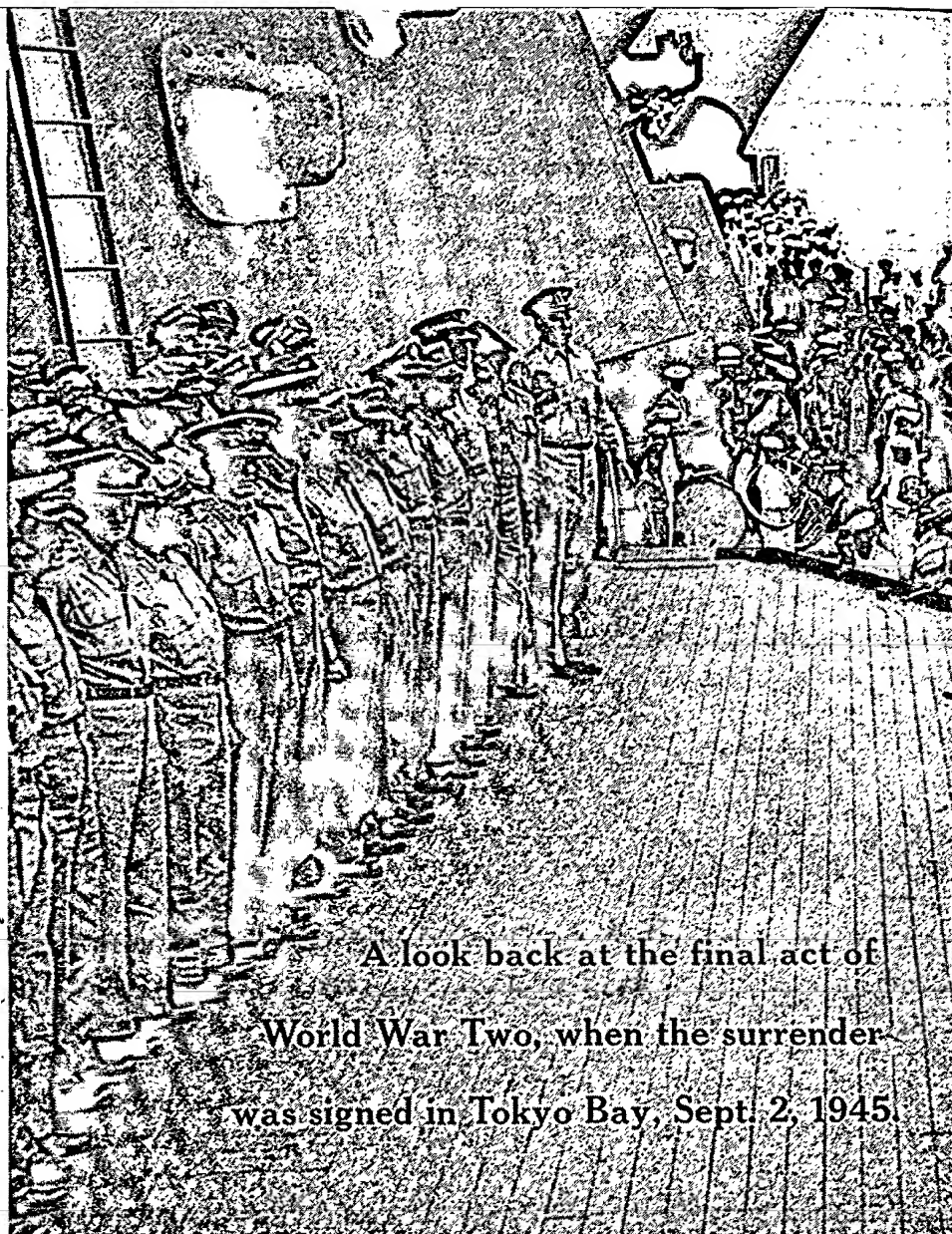
The *Missouri* was not only one of our latest battleships in 1945, it was also the one named for President Truman's home state, and had been sponsored by his daughter Margaret. The ship was then acting as the U.S. Third Fleet flagship of Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr.

The remarks in the deck log of the *Missouri* for Sept. 2, 1945, describe what happened in probably fewer words than it has been described since.

Lt.(jg) J.H. Hofman, USN, had the mid-to-four watch (midnight to 4 a.m.). His log remarks note that the *Missouri* was "anchored at berth F71, Tokyo Bay, in 10 fathoms of water [60 feet], mud bottom, with 50 fathoms of chain [300 feet] to the starboard anchor," and "condition of readiness III is set" aboard the *Missouri*. Hofman's remarks note that Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, the American Commander in Chief for the whole Pacific, was then aboard the *U.S.S. South Dakota*, anchored nearby. "Various units of the Pacific Fleet and the British Fleet are present," Lt.(jg) Hofman's remarks concluded.

Lt.(jg) M. Olson, USN, took over for the four-to-eight watch. His remarks in the log for the four hours are brief:

"Anchored as before. 0707, *U.S.S. Taylor* (Destroyer 468) came alongside to port with Lt.Col. R. Powell and about 170 press agents to attend surrender ceremonies of the Japanese Imperial Forces. 0733, *U.S.S.*



A look back at the final act of
World War Two, when the surrender
was signed in Tokyo Bay, Sept. 2, 1945

Taylor cast off. 0750, exercised crew at quarters for surrender ceremonies."

At 8 a.m. Lt. Cmdr. J.L. Starnes, Jr., USNR, took over the watch. At 8:03, say his remarks, the *U.S.S. Buchanan* (Destroyer 484) came alongside with "various general officers of the Army and foreign representatives to witness surrender ceremonies." At 8:05, Admiral Nimitz came aboard, and his Pacific Command flag replaced Halsey's Third Fleet flag at the mainmast. At 8:24 the *Buchanan* departed. At 8:38 the *U.S.S. Nicholas* (Destroyer 449) came alongside bearing General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. His personal flag was hoisted alongside that of Admiral Nimitz.

At 8:56 "Japanese representatives came aboard." For some reason, Starnes' log remarks do not identify the ship that brought them out. It

was the destroyer *U.S.S. Lansdowne*.

"At 0902, with the following present, the ceremony commenced and the Instrument of Surrender was presented to all parties. . . ."

Starnes here listed 50 official representatives of ten nations—The United States, the Republic of China; the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, Australia, Canada, France, New Zealand; the Netherlands and Japan.

This was followed by the names of 54 U.S. Naval officers and 33 U.S. Army officers, after which is the statement "and various other general officers."

The actual surrender ceremonies are described in Starnes' deck log by listing tersely the exact time at which 12 signatures were affixed to the document, which was signed in duplicate, one in English for the Allies, one in Japanese for Japan.

THE SURRENDER ABOARD THE U.S.S. MISSOURI— 30 YEARS AGO



Starnes' brief account starts with "0904, Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Foreign Minister, signed for Japan. . . ." and ends with "0922, Air Vice Marshall Isitt signed for New Zealand."

It was 1,365 days and nearly a million American casualties since Pearl Harbor. It was six years to the day since Hitler had started WW2 by marching into Poland on Sept. 1, 1939, and it was 98 days since Germany had surrendered. It took just 18 minutes to sign.

The date was still Sept. 1 from eastern Europe westward. At 9 a.m. Sept. 2 on the *Missouri* it was 11 p.m. Sept. 1 (standard time) in London, 6 p.m. in New York, 3 p.m. in San Francisco. But V-J Day (end of WW2) has been observed here ever since according to the date in Japan—or one day late. However, in holding the 30th Anniversary ceremonies

in Norfolk this year on Labor Day (Sept. 1), the MacArthur Memorial Foundation will observe the actual date.

Three minutes after Isitt signed for New Zealand, Starnes noted: "0925, ceremony completed." In a few lines he then remarked the departure of all the *Missouri's* guests on the craft that had brought them, and concluded by noting that when Nimitz' flag appeared on the mainmast of the *South Dakota*, Halsey's Third Fleet flag was raised again on the *Missouri*. The party was over.

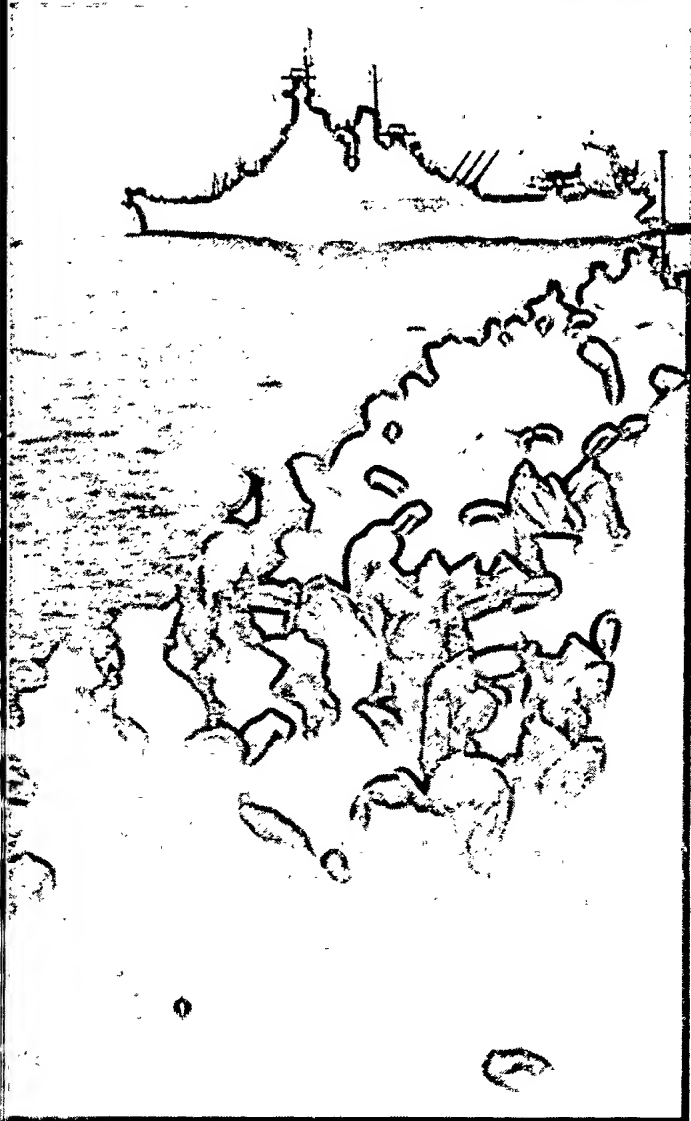
At 10:52 the crew was secured from quarters and the ship's log of the surrender was complete except for a listing of the correspondents who'd been aboard. It turned out that there were 194 of them instead of deck officer Olson's rough estimate in the log of 170.

The *Missouri* had been chosen for

these ceremonies because the Army, represented by General MacArthur, had been the first of our services to land occupying forces in Japan—sometime previously. As an act of courtesy and tact, the General therefore left the site selection for the formal surrender to his Naval counterpart, Admiral Nimitz. Nimitz naturally decided to hold it aboard ship, and he could hardly have failed to have selected the ship named for the President's home state, it being present and as adequate as any floating facilities except the flight deck of a large carrier.

The late Boyd B. Stutler, of West Virginia, who was later Managing Editor of *The American Legion Magazine*, represented this magazine on the *Missouri* as a war correspondent.

"Setting the stage on the *Missouri*," he said "was not unlike the



Reporters approaching the Missouri aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Taylor.



Military and press observers occupy every possible point of vantage while waiting for the ceremonies.

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preparations for a gigantic pageant." Days earlier, "picked men, some 300 or more, held rehearsals in the best Hollywood tradition. Men were selected to stand in for Generals and Admirals, and were received on board with flag-rank dignity, with sideboys and a full Marine guard of 90 men, and to ruffles and flourishes from the band. Another squad was selected to play the Japanese part, without honors—but they did it unwillingly.

"The Veranda deck was designated as the place for the actual ceremony . . . and because of its limited space, complications arose. Lumber was found to build platforms over the 40-millimeter guns to add to the standing room and to be used as a special vantage point for camera

men. Though this necessitated putting some guns out of action, another shock followed when the mighty No. 2 turret was trained out at 45 degrees to form a sort of grandstand."

Stutler here was reflecting what turned out to be the unfounded—but then very real—fear that it could be dangerous to make the ship helpless. "There was still some fear," he said, "of one-man torpedoes and suicide swimmers."

It was a cool, partly cloudy morning and "even before dawn there was stirring in Yokohama, where all land groups were quartered. Navy vessels had been assigned to transport the various contingents to the *Missouri* on a fixed schedule. . . . Late sleepers missed their ships."

As each correspondent clambered

aboard the *Missouri* from the *Taylor* he was "checked and given an ordinary printed shipping tag designating his place on the ship. Even the Japanese papers had received permission to send a limited number of their crack newswriters, and they were on board under Marine guard.

"Some few of the American correspondents tried to better their positions, but were quickly put back in place. The Russians, however, had their own ideas and would not stay put—protesting to their national representatives against being assigned fixed positions. They wanted to run wild, and did. The boorish behavior of this group was the only untoward incident."

Stutler said that he "drew a position in a small gun turret almost directly over the position taken by General MacArthur and his official staff, within easy earshot, and I did



At precisely 9 a.m. General MacArthur stepped forward to start the proceedings.



MacArthur signs, using five pens, and here hands two of them to Generals Wainwright and Percival, who had to surrender their forces and spend years as prisoners.

not need the loudspeaker system to hear every word that was spoken.

"In front of the General was the peace table—an old mess table brought up from the crew's quarters, scarred and worn from long use, but its age and imperfections hidden by a green cloth cover. On this table rested the two copies of the Articles of Surrender, one in English, one in Japanese."

This document had been shown in rough form to a group of Japanese emissaries who had flown to Manila to meet with General MacArthur on Aug. 19 to discuss occupation and surrender details. The two final copies had been prepared in Washington and flown out to Tokyo.

When MacArthur came aboard, said Stutler, "he looked tired and worn, lean-faced and bronzed, but his step was firm and his carriage confident as he crossed the deck to

Admiral Halsey's cabin . . . his dress was a plain, suntan uniform, shirt open at the throat. He wore the battered old cap that had become his trademark to thousands of GIs who had followed his leadership on the long trek from Australia up to this moment on the deck of the *Missouri*. . . . He wore no ribbons, medals or other decorations. . . .

"The stage setting was simplicity itself. Aside from the covered mess table and two chairs, there was a case containing the first American flag ever to fly over Japanese soil—that one raised by Commodore Matthew C. Perry on the occasion of his visit on July 14, 1853. The flag was backward in its case, but there was no time for rearrangement and it was displayed just as it was.

"Over head, flying as the ship's colors, was the flag that had flown over the Capitol at Washington on

Dec. 7, 1941 [the day of the Pearl Harbor raid] and which later was flown at historic occasions at Rome and at the Potsdam Conference."

There were 11 people with the official Japanese party, of whom only the two signers were important.

"Sad-faced and sorrowful," said Stutler, "they clumped up the gangway . . . three clad in formal morning clothes and silk hats, seven in uniform without sidearms, and one man in white linen and bareheaded. Lame Foreign Minister [Mamoru] Shigemitsu had difficulty in negotiating the ladder . . . but somehow he made it without assistance."

No honors were accorded the Japanese party, said Stutler, as they "arranged themselves in squad formation about 20 feet in front of the peace table. To this correspondent, the melancholy Japanese resembled nothing so much as the mourners at a funeral just about to take a last look at the departed.

"With clock-like precision, at exactly nine o'clock General MacArthur stepped out of Admiral Halsey's cabin and walked to the table, facing the Japanese—and at almost that moment the bright sun broke from behind the clouds. Clearly he spoke from a prepared statement.

"We are gathered here to conclude a solemn agreement whereby peace may be restored," he began. "It is my earnest hope and indeed the hope of all mankind that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past—a world founded upon faith and understanding—a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfillment of his most cherished wish for freedom, tolerance and justice. I now invite the representatives of the Emperor of Japan and the Japanese Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters to sign the instrument of surrender at the places indicated."

"Foreign Minister Shigemitsu limped forward at exactly 9:04, shuffled the papers, consulted a memo drawn from his pocket, then signed both documents—affixing his name in English to the English language copy."

Shigemitsu was described by many eyewitnesses as a cold fish that day, though Stutler only noted that he looked sad. The truth is that, painful as it was to sign his country's surrender, he had been chosen by the Emperor to be Foreign Minister of the hastily formed new Japanese peace government because he had worked as hard as he dared for peace, and had always been a friend of the United States and Britain,

THE SIGNING. CAPTIONS ARE FROM

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"0904, Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Foreign Minister, signed for Japan. . . .



"0906, General Yoshiji Umezu, Chief of Staff, Japanese Army Headquarters, signed for Japan. . . .



"0908, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, signed for all nations.



"0916, Lt. General Kuzma Nikolaevich Derevyanko signed for the United Soviet Socialist Republic. . . .



"0917, General Sir Thomas Blamey signed for Australia. . . .



"0918, Colonel L. Moore Cosgrave signed for Canada. . . .

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while he had eyed Russia with open hostility. He was also in physical torment. He had lost a leg to an assassin's bomb years earlier and he wore in public an artificial leg, a gift of the Empress, which pained him. In private he used crutches. When he came forward to sign, he courteously removed his silk hat. But when some onlookers who knew nothing about him personally viewed him with ill-concealed contempt as the chief Japanese signer, he finally put his hat back on and adopted a cold mask.

Shigemitsu was sentenced to seven years in Sugamo prison in the war crimes trials that followed, which shocked the relatively few Ameri-

cans with personal knowledge of him. In 1949, he was visited in prison by Lt. Roger Pineau, USNR, a graduate of the Navy's WW2 Japanese language school. Pineau found Shigemitsu to be kind, intelligent, cooperative, tolerant, courteous and witty.

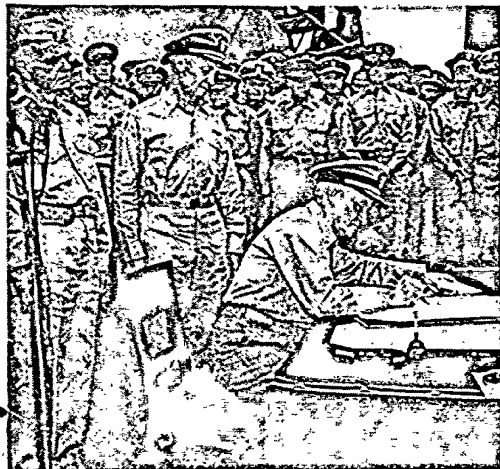
Pineau, today a Navy Captain and director of the U.S. Navy Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., was then researching the Japanese side of WW2 for Samuel Eliot Morison's U.S. naval history of that war. Pineau could not understand why Shigemitsu was in prison. No war crime could be attributed to him. Later in the year, Pineau had an opportunity to plant a question with Bob Sherrod, of Time Magazine, on

Lawrence Spivak's radio version of Meet the Press. Sherrod directed Pineau's question to Joseph B. Keenan, who had been chief counsel for the prosecution at the Japanese war crimes trials. "Why is Shigemitsu in prison?" Sherrod asked Keenan. The surprising answer by Keenan was that he didn't think Shigemitsu should even have been tried much less sentenced—but that the Russians had demanded it.

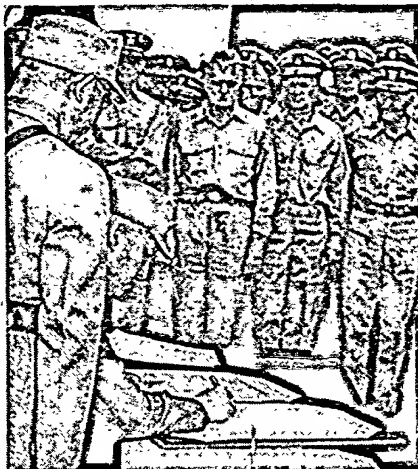
Partly as a result of this broadcast, as well as of other protests by knowledgeable Americans, Shigemitsu was released a few months later. He soon became Japan's Foreign Minister again. The next time he appeared in the United States, the red carpet was out for his plane as it landed in Washington. When Pineau, who was back in the

THE DECK LOG OF THE MISSOURI. (Including some misspellings.)

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"0912, Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz signed for the United States. . . .



"0913, General Hsu Yung-Chang signed for China. . . .



"0914, Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser signed for the United Kingdom. . . .



"0920, General LeClerc signed for France. . . .



"0921, Admiral Helfrich signed for the Netherlands. . . .



"0922, Air Vice Marshall Isitt signed for New Zealand. . . . 0925, ceremony completed."

crowd, shouted a greeting in Japanese, the visiting Foreign Minister stopped the welcoming ceremonies to bring Pineau-san forward and put his arm around him.

Some reporters on the *Missouri* still believed years later that Shigemitsu was a cold, baleful person. But under only slightly less painful circumstances he had a wit worthy of an American GI. He had vowed not to shave until released from prison, and when Pineau first saw him his beard was down to his waist, after three years of confinement. The head of the prison, who was as fond of him as Pineau became, said: "Shiggy, why don't you shave?" Pineau says that "Shiggy" leaned soberly on his crutches and with a hint of a twinkle in his eyes said: "I don't have time."

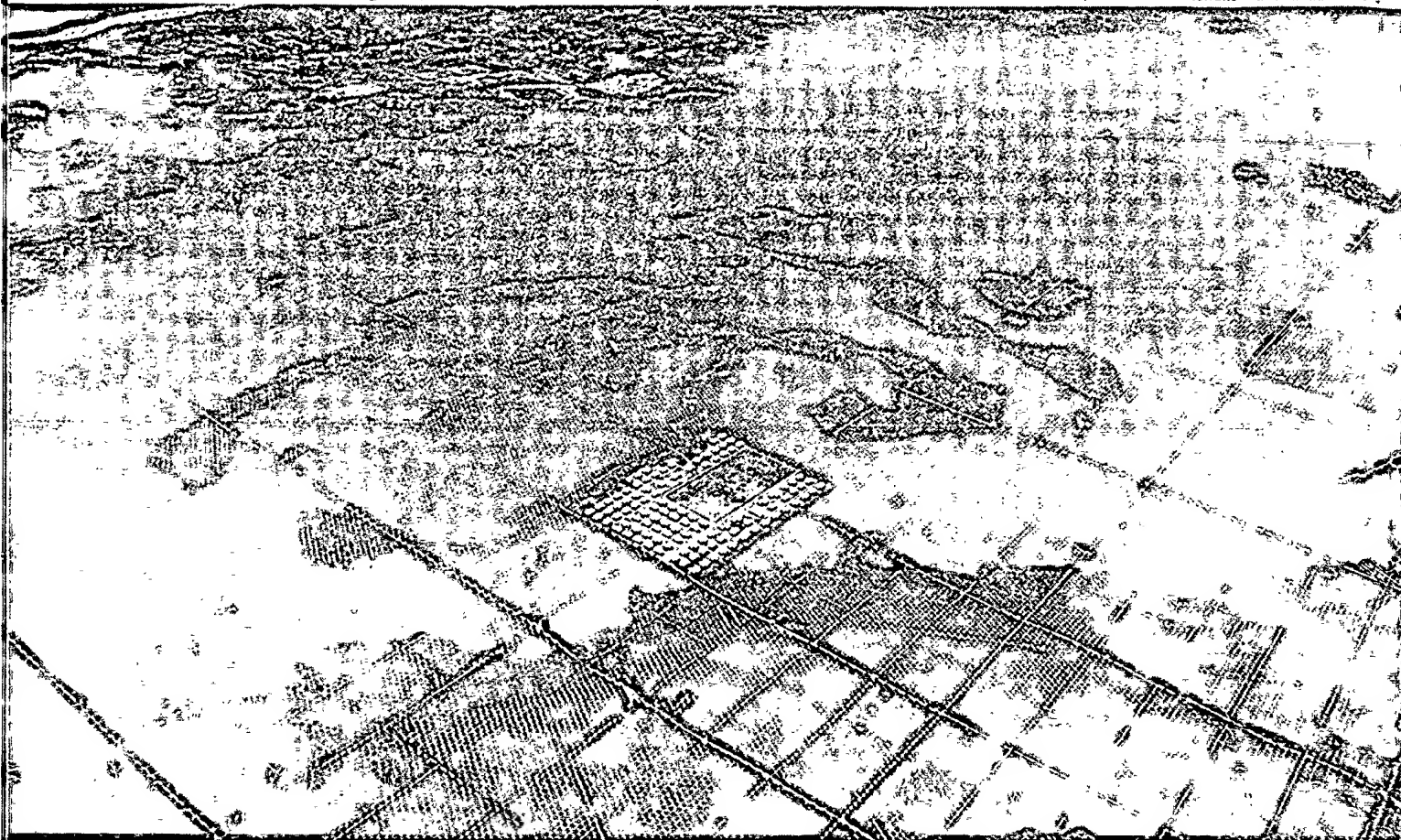
The second person to sign the Instrument of Surrender was General Yoshijiro Umezu, chief of the Japanese Army general staff. The whole war in the Pacific had been the brainchild of the Japanese Army, and the Allies were determined that the head of the Army should sign the Instrument. It was still possible that Army diehards, who had already tried by force to stop the Japanese broadcast of the Emperor's surrender announcement, might make more trouble. Their boss was jolly well going to put his name on that paper.

If Shigemitsu had been willing to accept the unpleasant task of surrendering in a war that was not of his making, Umezu, one of the war-makers, was not. He had opposed the surrender, and threatened to commit suicide rather than sign the

Instrument, until the Emperor personally told him to cooperate. He came forward frigidly in full military dress, signed standing up and backed off, his face a stern mask.

One of the Japanese observers, Toshikazu Kase, of Shigemitsu's staff, said later that the experience was torture, but that MacArthur's opening remarks about the "emergence of a better world out of the blood and carnage" helped transform the *Missouri's* decks into "an altar of peace" in his eyes. As a diehard soldier, one can imagine Umezu's pain from some of the passages in the Instrument.

"We hereby proclaim the unconditional surrender to the Allied Powers of the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters and of all
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A palm oil plantation on Sumatra. Second largest of the Indies, parts of her coast are 40 miles from mainland Asia.

Spotlight On Indonesia

The moment of truth of the "domino theory" draws near for the crowded people of the fabulous Indies.

By THOMAS WEYR

THE BIGGEST, most populous and potentially richest domino left standing in Southeast Asia after the fall of Vietnam is an archipelago of 13,500 islands that stretches for 3,000 miles along the Equator from the coast of Malaysia to Australia—the Republic of Indonesia. Not that the island nation of 126 million, Asia's third most populous after China and India, looks like the next domino. Thailand does. Nor is Indonesia as threatened by direct communist aggression as, say, South Korea. But she is as vulnerable as they are, and, given her cornucopia of natural wealth and strategic importance, infinitely more tempting.

A takeover of Indonesia by the

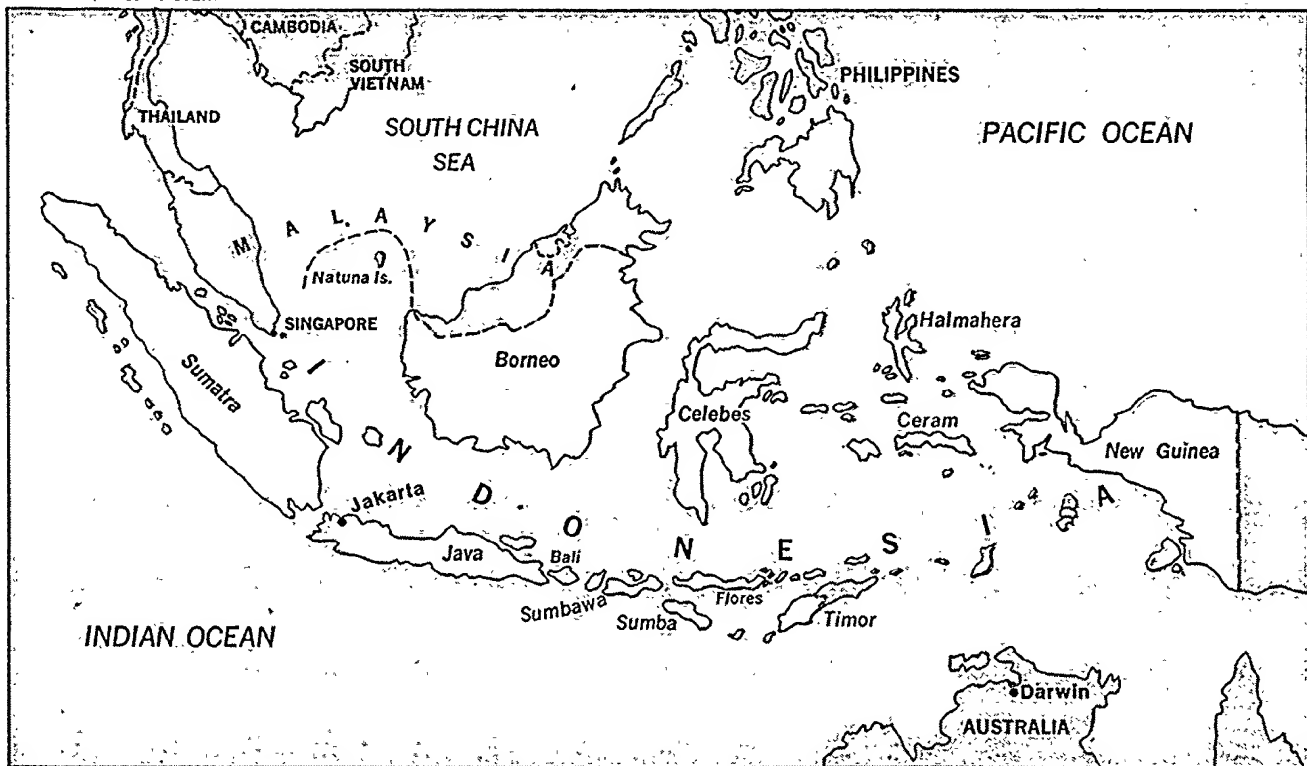
communists—which was averted in a bloodbath just a decade ago—would be a major disaster for American, Japanese and free world policy in general—far more devastating in its global implications than the communist triumph in Indo-China. The Philippines could hardly remain free for very long thereafter. At the very least, Australia and New Zealand would be threatened and hard to defend, perhaps even be forced to go neutralist.

Japan's sealanes to the oil wells of the Middle East would be subject to communist whim. Shipping between the Pacific and Indian Oceans could be disrupted, since Indonesia's islands form the straits that link them.

Red China is one of the nations

pushing for sovereignty at sea for at least 200 miles offshore. There is no way from the Pacific to the Indian Ocean without passing much closer than that to Indonesian territory, short of going around New Guinea, nearly 4,000 miles east of Singapore.

And the communists would inherit riches that have enticed foreigners for centuries: tin, oil, spices, rubber, timber, copra, tea, coffee, palm oil, cacao, tapioca, natural gas, copper, nickel and bauxite (aluminum ore). Also, they would take over the foundations of an embryonic, bumbling new industrial potential, which, if it should proceed in orderly fashion, could make Indonesia a rival to Japan in the 21st century. That is especially tempting to a people like the Chinese who tend to think in terms of generations and centuries. It is equally tempting to the masters of Hanoi, the Indonesians fear.



The sprawling Republic of Indonesia, which nearly exterminated its rampant communist party in 1965. Now, with the

fall of South Vietnam and the departure of our forces there, red guerrilla activity is being stepped up in nearby Malaysia.

The modern history of Indonesia leads directly into her present position as a world danger spot. After centuries of being a rich Dutch colonial empire, the Indies were swiftly conquered by the Japanese in 1942. They were the prime source of oil and many other raw materials that were essential to Japan's aims in WW2.

When the war was over and the Japanese departed, the spirit of Indonesian independence took over, and by 1949 the Dutch gave up all further claims. The rabble-rousing Sukarno, who had led resistance to the Dutch, assumed a personal dictatorship as the Father of Independence, and remained a popular hero of enormous proportions for years.

But his ability to run things did not match his popularity. To hold onto political power when his mismanagement began to threaten it, he wooed the support of the growing Indonesian Communist Party, the PKI, though he had earlier fought the communists and at one point had many of their top leaders killed.

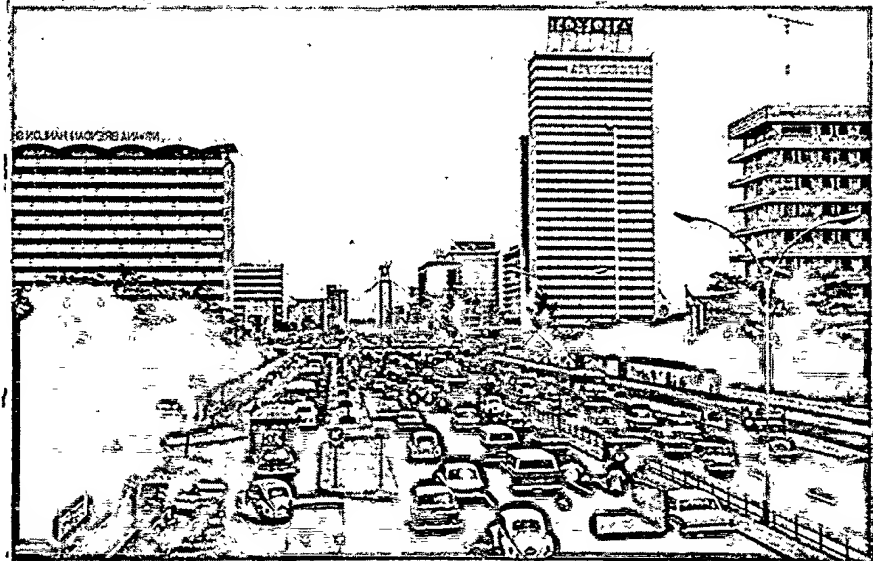
With his support, the PKI grew in influence and power. In the early 1960's, communist-led violence was rampant on Java. British and American installations were burned by uncontrolled mobs, while vast organized throngs massed to hear anti-Western speeches by Sukarno. Soon, the PKI

was arranging ties between Peking and Sukarno which alarmed the Indonesian army and large segments of the population that had been invisible during the communist-led riots.

When the PKI brashly demanded its own armed force, Indonesia's army generals exploded. The PKI responded by trying to wipe out the army leadership on Oct. 1, 1965. Six generals as well as the daughter and aide of the Minister of Defense were murdered.

There followed the great bloodbath of 1965 in which the army, abetted by mobs, slew most of the communists and their suspected supporters in the whole country, and burned their homes, offices and literature. Sukarno was kept on as an impotent figurehead for a few years while mobs now demanded his ouster. He died before he could dare a successful comeback. Meanwhile, the present President, General Suharto, took over the reins of government and turned

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Jakarta, Indonesia's capital on Java, now one of the world's biggest cities. A great influx of unemployed farmers has led to making it a "closed-city."

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Spotlight On Indonesia

his eyes toward the West and Japan.

The great massacre of communists might have been sufficient cause to have excited outright intervention by Red China in 1965, but the timing was wrong. China was then wracked by internal troubles, while United States forces in Vietnam placed a strong Western military presence to the north, as an umbrella shielding Indonesia from any rain of Asian communist intervention.

Now the umbrella is gone. Communism on the Asian mainland has moved a step closer down the Indo-China peninsula in South Vietnam and Cambodia, and is again stepping up its agitation in Indonesia's nearest neighbor—Malaysia. Guerrillas there are said to be using United States arms left in Vietnam.

An Indonesia free of communist threat had a ten year breathing spell to pull herself together from the shambles inherited from the sequence of Dutch and Japanese rules and the disaster of Sukarno's regime.

Ideally, her prosperity and political stability should be well enough along to make internal communist subversion difficult, and she should be able to form a policy toward North Vietnam and Red China to make her reasonably safe from dangerous external communist interference.

But she is so far from having realized any such position that the future of Indonesia is totally uncertain today. The importance to the whole world of her raw materials, and her command of vital sealanes, could make her the seat of the next world conflagration, given the right spark. She is the center of vast Western and Japanese interests that have been encouraged by Suharto for a decade, while she is the apple of the eye of Red Asia.

If Indonesia had no other security problems, her geography, and her political, racial, religious and class diversity would be serious matters, in a sea of enemies, to a far stronger central government than she has. Her geography is really indefensible against a strong, determined foe, without outside help.

Indonesia's land masses have been divided into three major named island groups, plus western New Guinea (now West Irian, or Irian Barat—formerly Dutch New Guinea).

The larger islands—Sumatra, Java, Borneo and Celebes, with their host of tiny offshore islets, are the Greater Sundas. The capital is Jakarta



In the early 1960's, red-led mobs ran wild in Jakarta. Here they burn the British Ambassador's car in support of Sukarno's war with Malaysia. They later burned the British embassy and sacked American installations, as Sukarno egged them on.

TURNABOUT. When the communist PKI tried to murder Indonesia's army leaders in 1965, the army, supported by much of the populace, all but exterminated the large communist party and its supporters. Below is all that remained of PKI headquarters.



(Batavia under the Dutch), near the western tip of Java.

The string of smaller islands east of Java are the Lesser Sundas.

Between Celebes and New Guinea are the Moluccas, the fabulous Spice Islands of history.

At the last census, more than 112 million people inhabited the Greater Sundas, seven million populated the Lesser Sundas, there were about a million in the Moluccas and another million, many of them primitive tribesmen, in mountainous, jungled western New Guinea and her offshore isles.

The Moluccas and New Guinea include several places well known to many WW2 veterans, such as Halma-hera and Morotai in the Moluccas and Biak and Hollandia in New Guinea. Hollandia—where MacAr-

thur set up his headquarters above Lake Sentani after leaving Australia—is 2,325 air miles from Jakarta and closer to 3,000 miles by sea.

The principal seat of Indonesia's government, industry, agriculture and population is the densely populated island of Java. The swarm of other islands offer prime targets for guerrilla movements, aided from the outside, to chew away at Indonesia. Even if it couldn't get a ready foothold on Java, a planned "War of Liberation" could create disturbances and petty guerrilla activities on such a host of outlying islands that Jakarta could be given more flies than she could swat. To top that off, Indonesia owns only a part of three of her major islands, Timor, Borneo and New Guinea, so that—though she is an island republic—she

has international land boundaries on them. Heavily jungled Sumatra, largest of the islands, extends to the west of the Malay Peninsula on the Asian mainland, separated from it only by the narrow Malacca Strait, off of Malaysia and Thailand. Parts of Sumatra are less than 50 miles from Asia's mainland, while its western tip is 1,125 miles from Jakarta.

Indonesia shares Borneo with two states of Malaysia, against which the ambitious Sukarno once started a war. She shares New Guinea with Australian-run Papua, occupying the western end and offshore islands.

She has long shared the fairly large island of Timor—which stands over Darwin, Australia—with Portugal. The new Portuguese government has told Portuguese Timor that it could go free and hold an election this year to decide its future rule. There is a considerable Chinese population in Portuguese Timor. Indonesia would hope that it would vote to join Indonesian Timor, but is nervous about the election.

Indonesia's wealth—much of it undeveloped—is scattered throughout all of her isles. The major Indonesian ports on Borneo range from 465 to 900 watery miles from Jakarta, and are outlets for rice, tobacco, millet, copra, pepper, bauxite, coal, iron (which is scarce in the Indies) and oil—including the fabulous oil of Balikpapan. Borneo is the world's third largest island, after Greenland and New Guinea. Including the Malaysia part and the British protectorate of Brunei, Borneo's population was close to seven million in 1970.

Sumatra has more than 19 million people stretched out along its 1,060 mile length, a great deal of which is high mountain and low swampland. It raises many food crops, plus tobacco and rubber. It has numerous small industries, such as leather crafts, as well as undeveloped water power and mineral resources.

NATURE has been as bountiful to Java as to any place on earth, while it has a tolerable climate for an equatorial land. As a result, it is crowded with a profusion of humans, plants, animals, fish and reptiles. The countryside is one of the most densely populated rural areas on earth, while Jakarta ranks with the world's 15 biggest cities.

A mere beginning to the list of Java's products would include rice (with enormous irrigated acreage), maize, sugar, coffee, tea, teakwood, rubber, fish products, coconuts, tobacco, quinine, coal, petroleum, tapi-

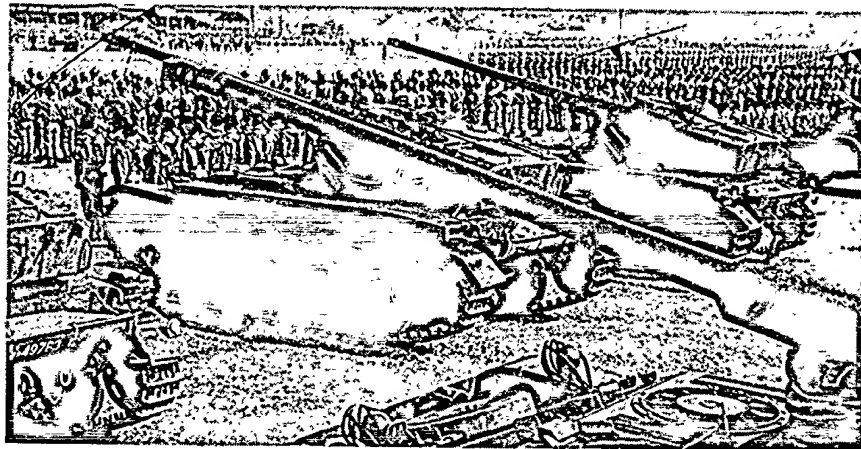
oca, essential oils, bananas, mangoes, bamboo, soybeans, kapok, peanuts and citrus fruits. After WW2, numerous small industries sprang up, many of them no larger than local cooperatives using hand labor exclusively. A bare beginning was made on larger industries, such as rubber processing, textiles, soap factories, paper mills, plywood manufacture, ceramics, tile, porcelain and coconut oil processing.

The Lesser Sundas, east of Java, include Bali, Lombok, Sumbawa, Sumba, Flores and Timor.

The nearly 2½ million people on Bali raise a great variety of tropical foods. There is a meat processing industry there, while Bali does a big tourist business. Sumbawa has fabulously rich soil which has not yet been well-developed. Horses and cattle thrive there. Flores is poorly endowed with harbors. Maize and coconuts are the chief products, and Flores exports coconut products. Sumba has a similar economy.

The great mountainsides on Lom-

U. P. I.



An Indonesian army military display in 1965. It is hardly up to defending all of the islands, while the navy and air force are woefully short of being able to.

bok are undeveloped, her lowlands are highly cultivated, while the people are craftsmen in many fields. Rice and coffee abound, while the people weave cloth and mats and fashion works in gold, silver and iron. The Lombok Strait is the border between Asian and Australian plant and animal life forms.

Timor, which is similar to northern Australia in climate, has been little developed. It grows maize, rice, coffee, coconuts and rubber. For many years it has been known to have commercially feasible oil and manganese deposits, as yet unexploited. This easternmost of the larger of the Lesser Sundas is 1,200 miles from Jakarta.

The center of the Moluccas is more than 1,500 miles from Jakarta, and the chain covers a north-south ex-

pense of more than 1,000 miles.

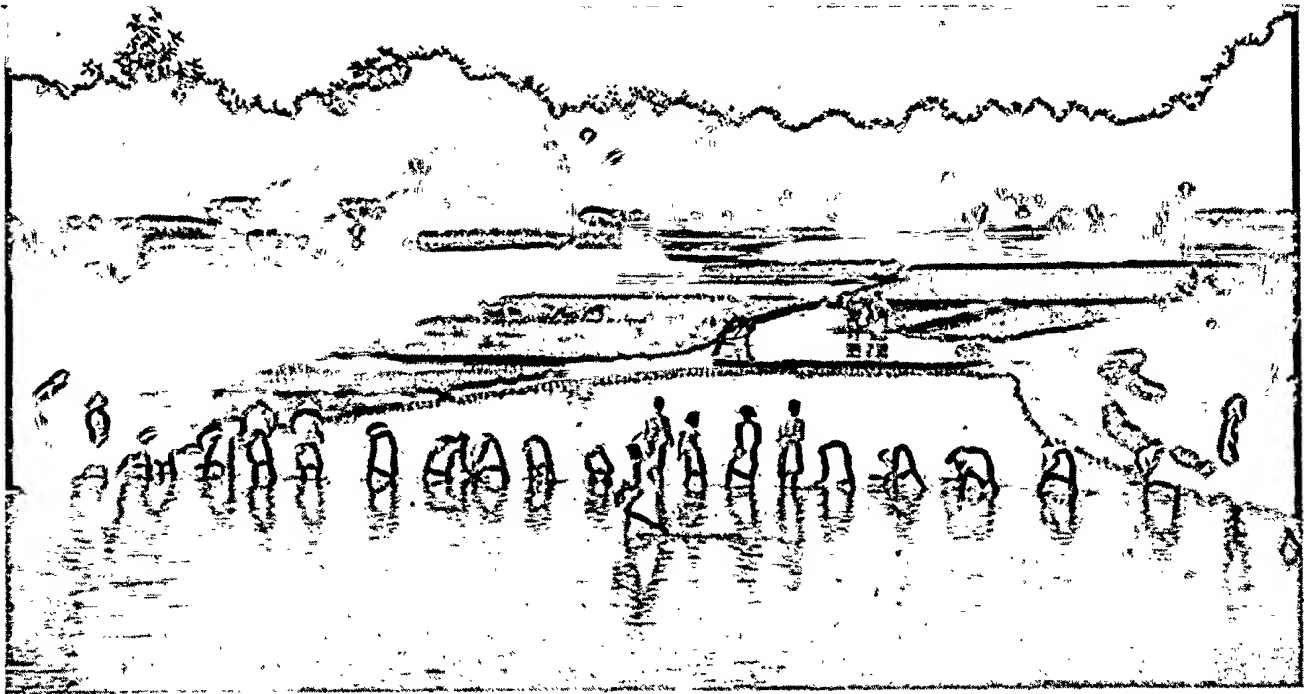
The Moluccas have a fantastic number of plants from which spices, gums, oils and medicinal substances are extracted. When Western traders first saw the island of Banda, it was covered with a nutmeg forest. Pepper is abundantly grown. The small but important island of Ambon (or Amboina) is noted for its cloves. The Moluccas were not called the Spice Islands for nothing. Columbus hoped they might be part of his discoveries. As in most of the Southwestern Pacific islands, huge amounts of coconut are also grown for the soap and cosmetic factories of the world and the many other commercial uses of this great tropical crop. It has replaced considerable spice acreage along the Molucca seacoasts. There is petroleum on Ceram.

Throughout many of Indonesia's islands, valuable tropical hardwoods are native—sandalwood, teak, etc., while Indonesia is one of the leading world sources of tin. Other resources include lead, coal, topazes,

diamonds, platinum, copper, antimony and gold.

After the massacre of communists in 1965, Red China initiated a tiny movement to nibble away at Indonesia by claiming sovereignty over the Natuna Islands, in the South China Sea, off of South Vietnam, but closer to Borneo. South Vietnam claims them too, though they are internationally recognized as Indonesian. It was only a claim then, but, in 1974, with the American Vietnam forces gone, China made air and sea military demonstrations in the area to keep its claim alive. Recently, Indonesia announced oil discoveries there. We may hear of the unheard-of Natunas again.

The defense of Indonesia's geographical expanse requires air and sea power above all else. But you



Millions of ricefield workers (above) were displaced when the present government of Indonesia introduced modern methods of rice farming. Swarms of jobless peasants flocked to the

cities, forming a great army of unemployed. Their plight erupted in violence last year, largely against prosperous Chinese and Japanese, whose establishments and goods were sacked.

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Spotlight On Indonesia

can dismiss what stands for her air force and navy as impotent. For strategic purposes, they are the same as non-existent. Her only fairly potent force is her army, most of which is on Java.

There is nothing unified about her people. They speak a host of languages and follow many gods. The official language is Bahasa Indonesian. Other principal languages are Javanese, Sundanese and Madurese. Dutch, and pidgin forms of it, also exist. The main religion is Muslim. There are also Christians, Buddhists and Hindus, as well as numerous followers of pagan religions. Native Indonesians generally dislike the Chinese and Japanese, while native Chinese are the backbone of the Indonesian business world and Japan is by far Indonesia's most important foreign trader and investor. The centuries of Dutch rule prevented the rise of a substantial native governing and business class.

Divisions between rich and poor, which always provide a platform of discontent on which to mount political revolutions, have always been extreme in Indonesia. Poverty has characterized the condition of the "masses." In its ten year effort to raise the standard of living and develop the amazing resources of the Indies, the Suharto government has unintentionally widened the gap be-

tween rich and poor. The first to receive the rewards of a budding modernized economy are those who develop it. Until increased production is satisfying more needs and training more skilled workers, the chief beneficiaries of economic growth are its planners, managers and specialists. The growing prosperity of a small rising class of new "builders" has thus heightened the contrast between them and the unskilled. Many of them are the disliked native Chinese businessmen and temporary Japanese residents.

Meanwhile, attempts to improve agriculture by modern means have displaced millions of farm workers, who have swarmed to the cities looking for jobs that aren't there.

One cannot think in Western terms of economic conditions in Indonesia, and farming is a good example. Her teeming millions scrape out a bare subsistence, for all the richness of her potentialities—especially on Java, where 70% of all Indonesians live (only about 50,000 leave the island each year to settle in emptier places like Sumatra, Borneo or Celebes).

Traditionally, Java had a culture of "shared poverty." The idea was simple: as population grew in rural areas, you made room and work for it. The ideal crop was rice, and people's wants were simple. Older peasants "just moved over and gave the newcomers a foot or two of land." It worked fine in 1810, when

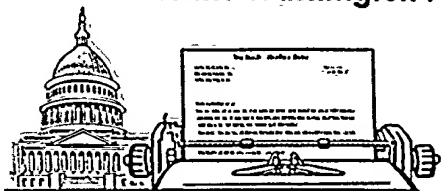
Java had five million people. It became tougher when 80 million tried to survive in the same space.

When the Suharto government tried to help by introducing hybrid rice and mechanical farming methods, surprising things happened. High-yield hybrid rice requires fertilizer and the purchase of new seeds every year. This required cash, and more know-how than the average ricegrower had. The know-how and the cash fell to "large" landowners who had five or six acres or more. Gradually, more and more of the rice-land moved into their hands, while the smaller farmers became sharecroppers, who also borrowed cash to get new seeds and fertilizer. Many others became a farm labor force, moving from field to field and no longer growing their own. Then a cheap, Japanese rice-huller was introduced, displacing the work of many hands.

At the same time, a rice-harvesting religious custom that provided a little work for many hands went by the boards. The native rice had a "soul," which required that millions of women "sneak up" on the stalks to cut them individually in a certain way. If it was a wasteful way to harvest, it provided a few pennies of income for a large number of people. But the hybrid rice had no "soul" and needed no such special, labor-making treatment. It was foreign. The net result of all this was that the rice-farm-

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Dateline Washington . . .



U.S. AIRCRAFT SELL ABROAD.

END OF MANDATORY RETIREMENT?

BANKS TOLD: SHAPE UP SECURITY.

The recent sale of 350 F-16 lightweight fighter planes to NATO nations Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium--widely heralded by our government as "the arms deal of the century," with a \$2.1 billion price tag--is only the tip of the iceberg in the sale of aviation to foreign countries, according to Washington sources.

Last year, the aerospace industry sold overseas some \$3.4 billion worth of aircraft --everything from Piper Cubs and executive jets to the giant 747s--giving a large helping hand to our nation's balance of payments.

Over the past five years, the United States has sold \$11 billion in aircraft and another \$7.8 billion in parts-and accessories to foreign buyers, which, in large measure, helped to maintain the aerospace work force in the United States close to a million workers.

The F-16 plane sale is expected, according to General Dynamics Corp., to create 65,000 jobs in the United States; and sales could run between two and three thousand aircraft worldwide over the next 20 years.

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The more than a million Americans who are forced to retire each year at age 65 or over may not have to be put out to pasture if 42 Congressmen have their way about it. In following up the Pension Reform Act of last year, Illinois Rep. Paul Findley and 41 House cosponsors want to amend the age discrimination law now on the books so that employers cannot force an employee to quit working just because he reaches an arbitrary age.

On the other side of the Capitol, New York Sen. Jacob Javits is leading the fight. He says: ". . . I believe that mandatory retirement at age 65 can no longer be regarded as a sacred cow, and, accordingly, we should begin grappling with the concept of a flexible retirement age. . . ."

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As robberies and other crimes against banks continue to mount, the Federal Reserve System here is cracking down on lax

bank security. The Federal Reserve says that, surprisingly, the principal security weaknesses include surveillance cameras inadequately installed and maintained to get useful pictures; "bait (or marked) money" not provided each teller; alarm systems that don't work; too much cash in the teller cages, and unguarded valuables.

The FBI reports that in 1974, external crime against federal insured and regulated financial institutions involved 2,817 robbers, 359 burglaries and 309 larcenies, for a new yearly high of 3,485 offenses.

The Fed wants the banks to listen to security officers and heed their recommendations; and to institute better employee crime prevention training programs.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

STANDING BY FRIENDS

"We may be entering a new era which will be very visible in showing America has the will in the short period as well as the long run to stand by its Allies," President Ford.

COMPETITIVE EDGE

"... this is a competitive world and we must maintain a competitive edge or fall back among the also-ran nations." Under Sec'y of Agric. J. Phil Campbell.

NUCLEAR OBLIGATION

"We are not neutral in the struggle between freedom and tyranny. But we owe our people and mankind an untiring effort to avoid nuclear holocaust." Sec'y of State Henry Kissinger.

BUDGET BLUES

"Virtually everything is under federal control nowadays except the federal budget." Sen. Herman Talmadge, Georgia.

CIA VIEWPOINT

"I only ask that we Americans protect our Nation's sources in the same ways the journalist protects his." William Colby, director, CIA.

COMPETITION'S FOE

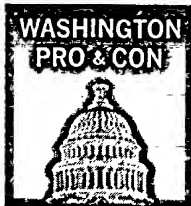
"We believe competition works to the disadvantage of the average (telephone) user, and where it does, we are determined to fight it." John DeButts, board chairman, AT&T.

COLOR IT POLITICS

"Even if by some miracle we could get all the fiscalists and monetarists to concur, the ultimate decisions would be political much more than economic. Walter B. Wriston, chairman, Citicorp.

FAITH FACTOR

"A free society operates largely on faith--the faith of one segment that other segments can be trusted to do what they should do and what is right and proper. Sen. Robert C. Byrd, W. Va.



Opposing Views by Congressmen on The Question . . .

SHOULD THE HOUSE INTERNAL

ON JANUARY 14 of this year, the House of Representatives, without a direct, recorded vote on its merits, abolished the House Committee on Internal Security and transferred its jurisdiction to the Judiciary Committee. On January 15, I introduced H. Res. 67 to reestablish it.

In contrast to the House action, an April 1974 public opinion poll by Opinion Research Corporation showed Americans by 2-1 favoring retention of HCIS over its abolition and transfer of jurisdiction. A whopping 89% overwhelmingly supported the citizen's right to be fully informed of subversive activities. These results indicated once again why the people's representatives in the House, since 1930, have heavily supported internal security investigative committees under various titles.

Committee probes of Nazi and Fascist activities in the 30's and 40's, continuing information on Communist activities in the 50's, investigations of the Ku Klux Klan, Black Panther Party and the Students for a Democratic Society in the 60's—all were obviously viewed by the American electorate as necessary and useful. Similarly, more recent major investigations covering attempts to subvert the Armed Services, revolutionary activities in prisons, subversive influences in anti-war activities and demonstrations indicate the serious and vital nature of HCIS's mandate.

Other recent contributions by the Committee included early information on the Symbionese Liberation Army-Patty Hearst affair which provided necessary background on this little known group; a report on the danger of political kidnappings as an extremist weapon—months before any American victims were involved; and extensive hearings and a study on international terrorism discussing those groups and individuals throughout the world

who were involved.

FBI director Kelley has cited as a principal internal security problem the "real threat of violence by terrorists . . . and the continuing activities of revolutionary activists and racial extremists." In recent years the Pentagon, the Capitol and the State Department have been targets of destructive bombings. New sophistication in weapons—the possibility of homemade nuclear bombs and the reality of shoulder-operated antiaircraft missiles—increase tremendously the danger presented by terrorists and revolutionary activists.

The various functions of the former Committee on Internal Security now reside in the overworked Judiciary Committee. After 4½ months no subcommittee for internal security work has been established, no funds have been appropriated and the few HCIS employees to be retained will be assigned temporary custodial duties. To me this is a dangerously inadequate disposition of the very vital internal security function.

The American people have always supported the important work of the House Committee on Internal Security. They have a right to see the Committee restored.



Rep. John M. Ashbrook
(R-Ohio)

John M. Ashbrook

If you wish to let your Congressman or one of your Senators know how you feel on this

SECURITY COMMITTEE BE RESTORED?



Rep. Bella S. Abzug
(D-L—N.Y.)

Behind this vote was a recognition that during the 30 years it functioned as a standing committee of Congress, the Internal Security Committee had consistently abused the rights of witnesses called before it, produced less legislation than any other committee of Congress, built up an inflated staff and budget and maintained dossiers on 750,000 citizens. Committees of Congress are established to propose and examine legislation; the Internal Security Committee operated solely, in the words of a succession of chairmen, to "expose" those with whose political views and activities members of the committee disagreed. These attacks, over 30 years, on rights guaranteed and protected by the First Amendment finally persuaded Congress that the committee served no useful function.

The record of abuse of due process and the rights of witnesses by the Internal Security Committee, and the waste of funds without any legislative production, convinced most members of Congress that legislation dealing with internal security could best be handled by the Judiciary Committee. However, the rules change eliminating HISC gave the Judi-

AT THE beginning of the current Congressional session, the U.S. House of Representatives voted by a large majority to eliminate the Committee on Internal Security (formerly the Committee on UnAmerican Activities) as a standing committee, and transferred part of the jurisdiction of HISC/HUAC to the Judiciary Committee.

ciary Committee jurisdiction over "Communist and other subversive activities," which perpetuates the potential for violation of First Amendment rights. The next Congress should excise this language, thus removing from Congress the possibility that legislative witch hunts could be revived in the future.

No citizen should tolerate the existence of secret files full of gossip, the accusations of unidentified informers and reports on political activities protected by the Constitution. Yet, HISC maintained 750,000 of these files, allowing private groups and individuals to rummage through them and spread their contents around. Over 20 executive branch agencies used to consult these files for employment and other purposes, even though the House of Representatives never voted to open those dossiers to executive branch searches.

It is no accident, in my opinion, that the public career of the first President to resign because of the exposure of criminal obstruction of justice in the White House began on the UnAmerican Activities Committee. The coverups, secrecy and contempt for law involved in Watergate characterized HUAC/HISC during its entire 30-year career and Congress should resist any attempt to breathe new life into the corpse of these committees.

Bella Abzug

issue, fill out the "ballot" and mail it to him. ➤

I have read in The American Legion Magazine for August the arguments in PRO & CON: Should The House Internal Security Committee Be Restored?

IN MY OPINION THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS:

YES ☐ NO ☐

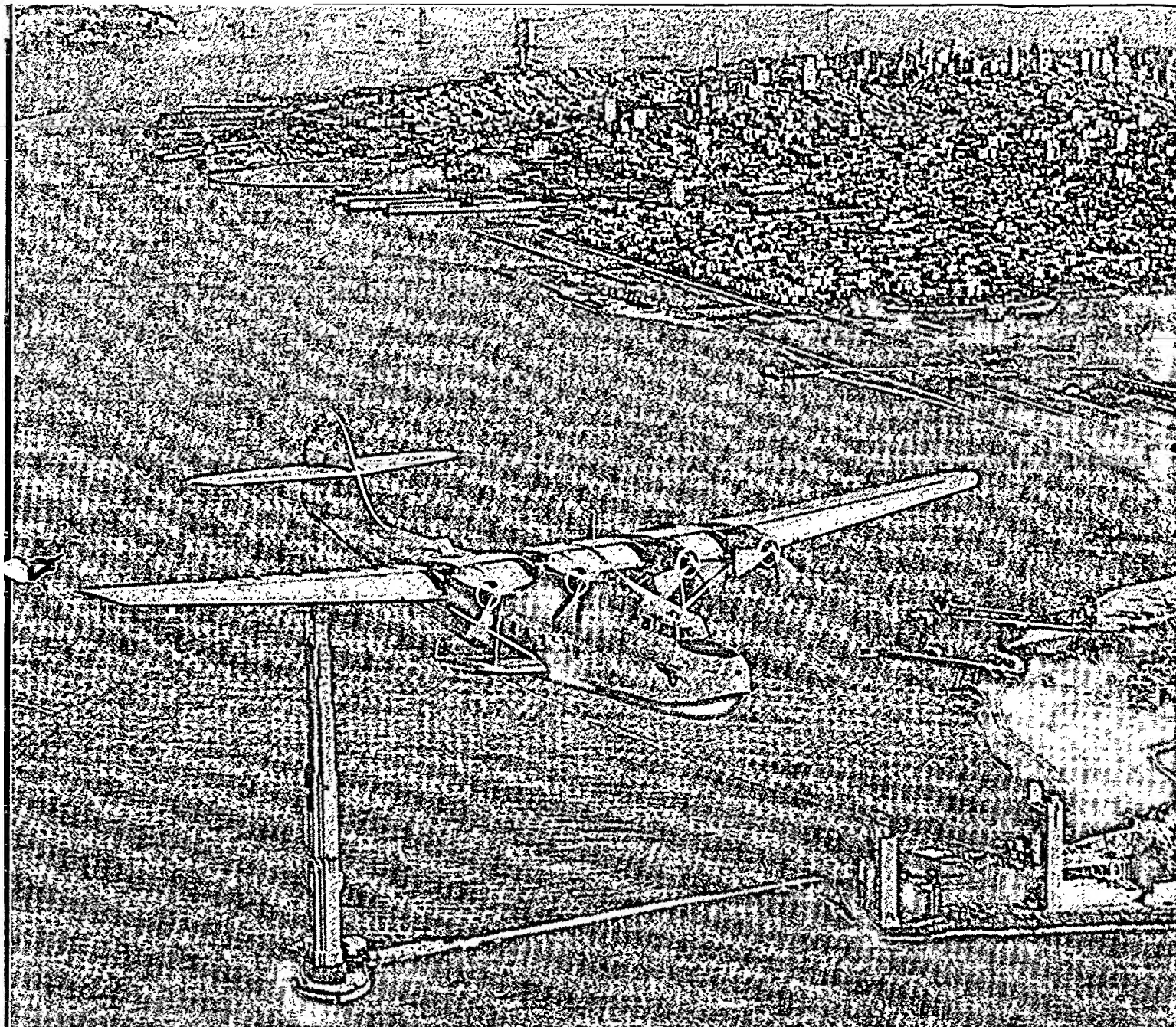
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WIDE WORLD

Pan Am's China Clipper leaving on a routine flight across the Pacific before there was transatlantic air service.

Those Magnificent Clipper Flying Boats

The day of real luxury in airplane travel was so long ago that you have to be nearly 50 to recall it.

By LYNWOOD MARK RHODES

THERE WAS A TIME, believe it or not, when people actually fell in love with airplanes. They didn't just go from here to there by air, they

went in style. None of this three-abreast, elbow-in-your-ribs stuff that passes for air comfort today. No cramped legs when the seat forward suddenly reclines against the knees behind, making a tall man feel like

a sardine wedged into a too-small can. Even the jumbo jets haven't revived the honest-to-god luxury that was.

"It has separate decks just like a ship. And a staircase, a *real staircase!*" a travel writer recently overheard a flabbergasted teen-ager exclaim as he stepped off a modern super jet, evidently thinking that such



Dinner is served in a Martin Clipper Ship flying the Pacific in 1936.



It's time to settle down for a night's snooze on the Honolulu leg.

innovations are the fruit of computerized progress. Anyone who remembers the glamor days of air travel will understand why the writer hadn't the heart to tell the young man that it was all there some 40 years ago.

The great, now-dead days of real luxury flying began on Oct. 21, 1936. The place was Alameda, Calif., across the bay from San Francisco, where one of the first three truly long-range airliners—a Pan American Airways' four-engined Martin M-130 flying boat—floated at the end of a ramp, its motors idling, ready to take a fresh hitch in the world's belt. Its destination was Manila in the Philippines, a mind-boggling 8,210 miles away via overnight stops at Honolulu, Midway, Wake and Guam. The plane's name was *Hawaii Clipper*.

It was an appropriate choice. The word "clipper" dredged up the romantic aura of the tall-masted ships which had plied the seas a century earlier. It seemed almost poetic that one of the last of the sailing clippers, the *Star of New Zealand*, rode calmly at anchor nearby. But the hordes of gawking spectators had eyes only for the monstrous seaplane—a great silvery brute with a hull 90 feet 7 inches long, a wingspan of 130 feet, a cruising speed of 130 mph and space for 32 passengers. Behind a 12x14-foot lounge-dining room was another cabin that became a sleeping compartment at night with double-decker berths. It was the largest commercial airplane of its day, "a flying miracle" according to its builder, Glenn L. Martin of the Martin Company in Baltimore.

For Juan Trippe, president of Pan Am, it was a dream come true. He'd pioneered air routes across the Caribbean and along both coasts of South America with the Sikorsky S-38 amphibian and the S-40 flying boat, the first plane ever christened a "Clipper." With few exceptions, all the company's bases and stops in Latin America were at port cities. There was a worldwide shortage of airports in the thirties, and creating a network of seaplane bases was far easier and faster and cheaper than building runways. Besides, forced over-ocean landings were far safer with seaplanes than with landplanes. That seaplanes could land on any large, uncluttered body of water quickly touched them with the exciting magic of faraway places. Other U.S. airlines flew short hops between American cities. Pan Am's big, beautiful flying boats went to Havana, Cristobal, Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. They inspired the first romantic movie of air travel, "Flying Down to

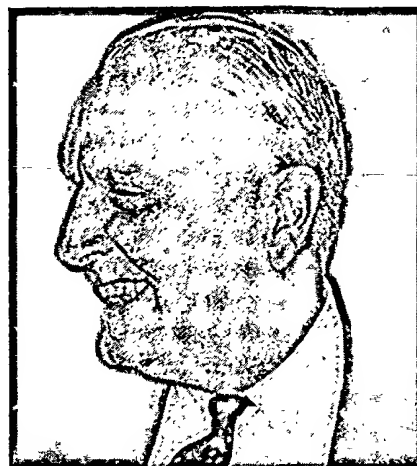
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Rio." But when Trippe decided to tackle the Pacific in 1932, there wasn't a commercial airliner available, not even a flying boat, to cover such vast expanses of ocean. No commercial planes were yet flying the narrower Atlantic—or any ocean.

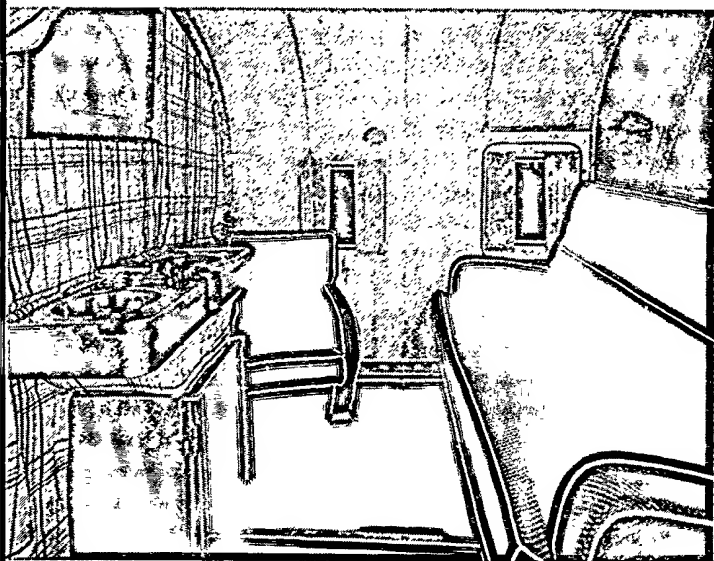
Martin solved the problem for Pan Am with the M-130. The first one, the *China Clipper*, made the inaugural flight over the Alameda-to-Manila route on Nov. 22, 1935. Not even an adventurous pioneer had yet made a lone flight across the central Pacific to the Philippines. The *China Clipper* carried mail and Pan Am employees only that day. The Civil Aeronautics Administration required five round trips before passenger service could

all directions converged on it as though it were a magnet drawing some iron filings. It was a magnificent sight to behold." The *San Francisco Chronicle* headlined the record-shattering event with a cartoon depicting a flying clipper over a 16th century Spanish galleon: "To Manila six days, To Manila six months."

The plane was back at Alameda on December 6, having completed the first scheduled transoceanic flight in history and the first flight by any plane across the Central Pacific to or from the Orient—in the breakdown round-trip time of 123 hours, 12 minutes in the air. (A 707 does it today in 32 hours, 10 minutes.) "It savors



Pan Am's Juan Trippe, the pioneer of overseas air travel and mail service.



Left, a compartment and, right, part of the smoking lounge on a Martin Clipper. The big Boeings were even more sumptuous.

begin. The first trip almost ended in a colossal disaster within minutes after take-off. She couldn't make it over the Oakland Bay Bridge, then being built. At the last minute, Capt. Edwin C. Musick cut under the bridge, narrowly avoiding wires dangling from it. A whole flock of small planes that escorted the Clipper for a while did likewise.

It was the only "incident" of the whole trip.

The big bird could have landed in Manila right on schedule on Nov. 28. But a big celebration in Manila had erroneously been set for Nov. 29, so the *China Clipper* laid over a day at Guam, and landed in Manila Bay at 3:32 p.m., Nov. 29 (which was the 28th back home).

"When the flying boat finally stopped," said a young Filipino who later became Pan Am's maintenance supervisor in Manila, "launches from

of flying carpets," an aviation writer rhapsodized. FDR thought so, too. "Even at this distance," he told the jubilant crew from the White House, "I thrill at the wonder of it."

Most of his fellow Americans agreed. A new route, a new record, a new plane—they were a vivid splash of color in the dismal depths of the Depression. Three days later the *Philippine Clipper* repeated the performance, and what had never been done before became routine. But the real fillip came on that October day in 1936 when paying passengers were first accepted. Americans listened with ears glued to big, clumsy radio cabinets or tiny crystal sets as the announcer in Alameda described over a national hookup the departure of the *Hawaii Clipper* on its maiden passenger flight to the Orient.

More than 1,000 people applied for space on that first flight. The man at

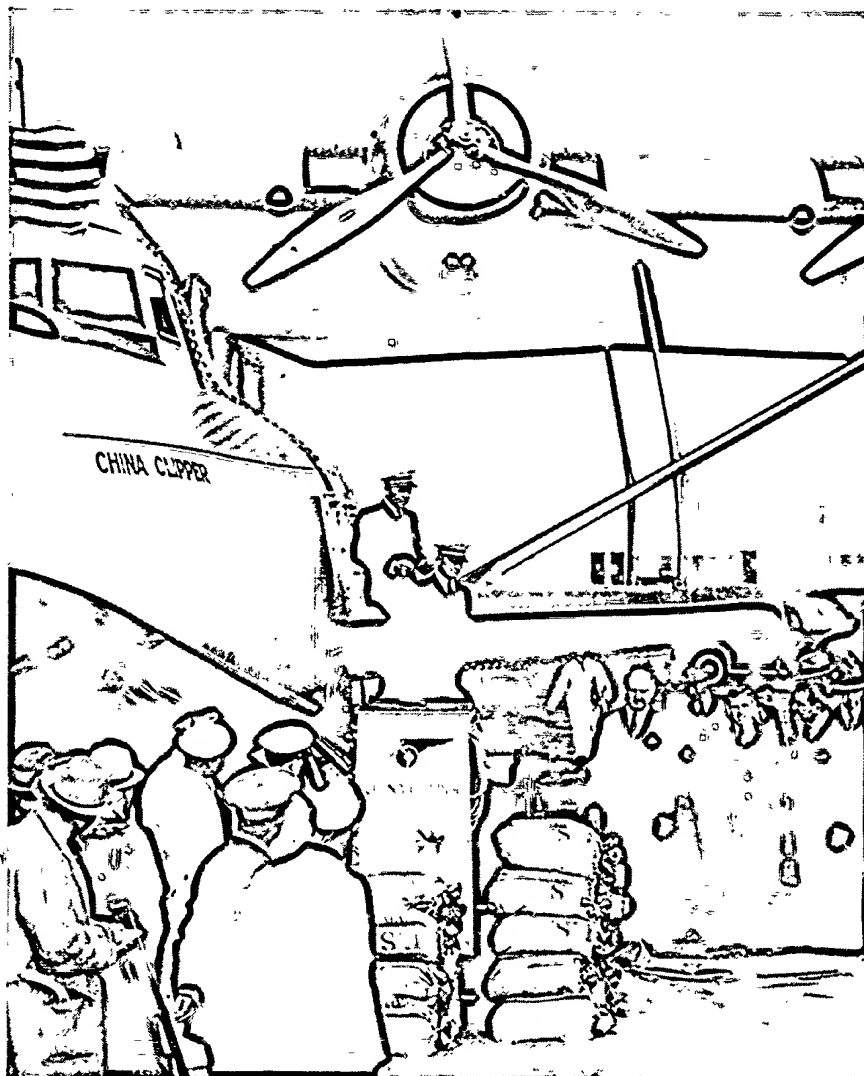
the head of the list had sent a blank check as early as 1932 with a note attached. "I don't know how much it's gonna be, but put me down and see that I get the first ticket." His name was Will Rogers, but he wasn't around to pick up the ticket, having died the year before with Wiley Post when their small plane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska. Disappointed would-be No. 1s on the list included everybody from bankers to honeymooners. Even as the chosen few clambered up the gangplank—among them an aviation executive, a California oilman, a perennial first-flight fan from Pennsylvania, a Chicago wholesale grocer, several upper crust members of the prop-set—some eager standbys were still trying to wangle a way to get aboard. One determined woman tried to mail herself to Manila at 75¢ an ounce. Another offered to go as livestock at the

air express rate of \$4.13 a pound. A Hollywood actress put in a bid to charter the entire plane for herself and a group of friends. All were refused.

The lucky ones paid \$1,438.20 for the round-trip privilege, a mighty wad of greenbacks back when "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" was something more than a popular song in America. The round-trip fare is \$1,165 today, and that's in tourist class. There was only one way to go on the flying clipper. First class with a flourish.

There was one last ocean to conquer—the Atlantic. The M-130 was sturdy and dependable, the cabins as spacious as "an evening at home," but it carried considerably fewer than its 32-passenger capacity when pushed near its maximum range on the Honolulu leg. Which is why Pan Am bought only three of the planes. Depending upon headwinds and mail loads, sometimes as few as seven passengers were on the long haul from California to Hawaii when one of the trio—the *Hawaii Clipper*, *China Clipper* and *Philippine Clipper*—left on its weekly jaunt to Manila. What aviation obviously needed was an airplane which could carry a larger passenger load over a commercially feasible route. And in the thirties, that meant across the Atlantic.

Thousands of American businessmen and vacationers annually packed their steamer trunks and headed for Europe, filling the luxurious ocean liners which promised that "getting there is half the fun." Trippe had wanted to tap the lucrative Atlantic market before the Pacific, but European rivals stymied him at every turn. There were no American-owned stepping-stones in the Atlantic and the British refused landing rights at Bermuda and in England, since they weren't yet ready to compete with their Empire Class flying boats. The French were still making survey flights, and also refused Pan Am the

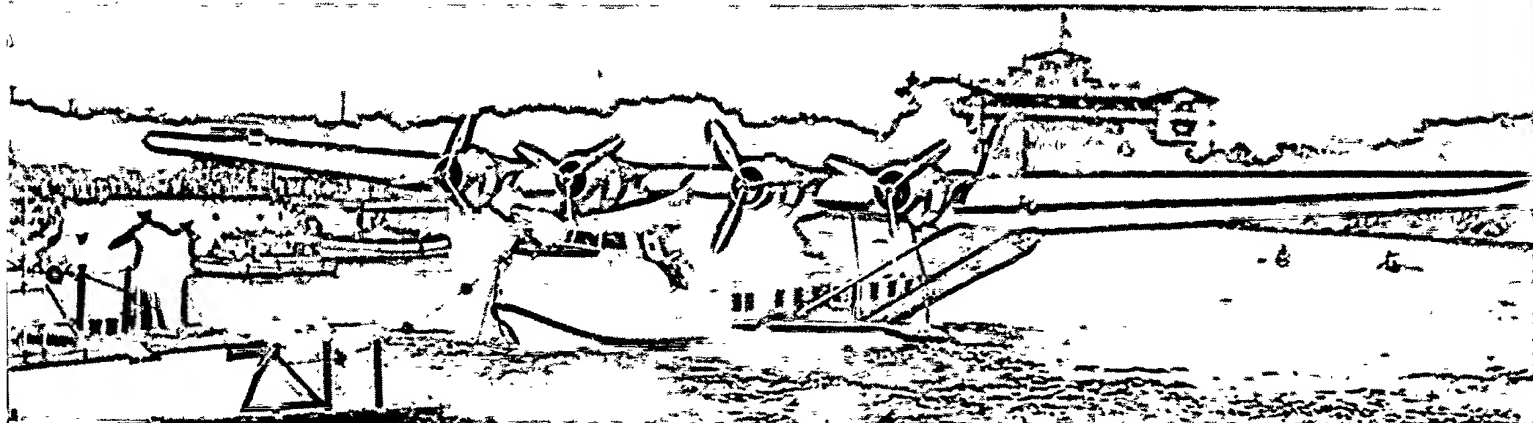


Nobody had flown the Central Pacific to Manila when the *China Clipper* made the first airmail run in November, 1935. Here it is before take-off at Alameda, Cal. Postmaster General Farley sees the mail off while millions listen on radio.

use of any bases. Biding time, Pan Am sent out word in 1936 to Boeing, Sikorsky, Douglas and Consolidated that it wanted a "super" boat that would carry more people faster and farther than the Martins.

Boeing won with the B-314, a four-

engine giant even by today's standards. She measured 109 feet and her tapered wings spanned 152 feet from tip to tip, 21 feet greater than the wingspread of a 707 jet. Her hull mimicked a whale's body. She cruised at 145 mph at 5,000 feet, weighed



The *China Clipper* sat down at Manila in routine fashion, to start regular schedules. Transatlantic service was still to come.

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49½ tons fully loaded, and could carry 89 persons, though, for chic comfort, accommodations were often reduced to 70 or so, to offer even greater luxury than is found nowadays in the first-class section of a jumbo 747. Boeing launched the first super-clipper, "larger than any of the caravels sailed by Columbus in the discovery of America," into Puget Sound at its Seattle plant in May 1938. The war threat was hanging heavy over Europe at the time, and the British and French reluctantly agreed to let Pan Am begin service with bases on their soil.

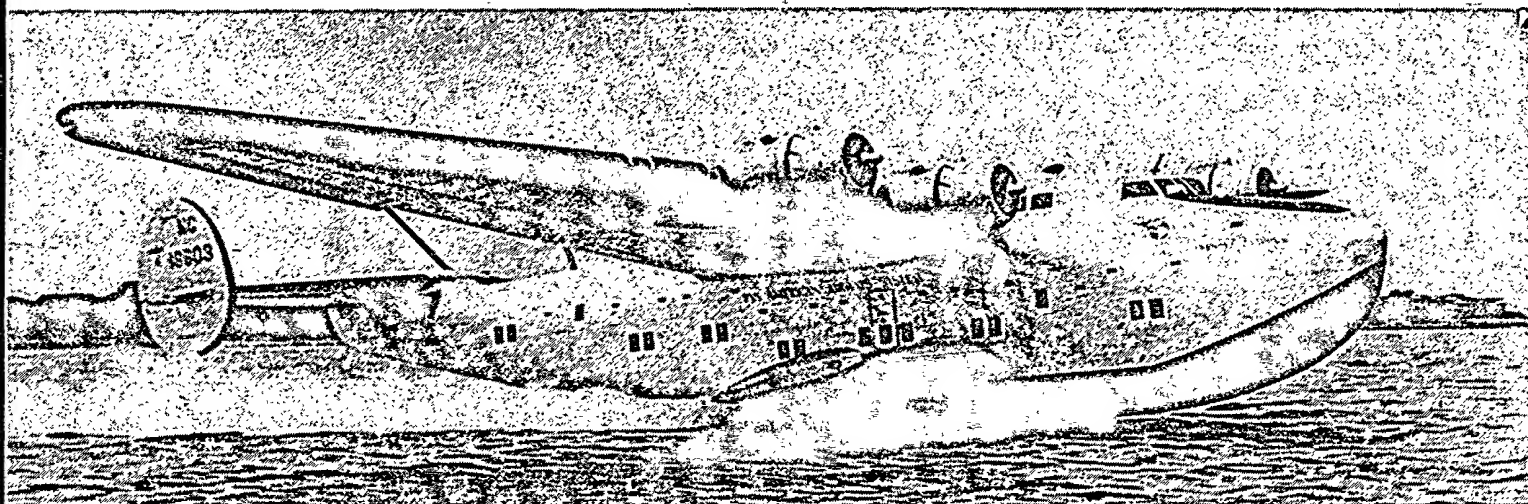
In February 1939, a B-314 flew down the West Coast for an appearance at the Golden Gate International Exposition (San Francisco's answer

the day, some ten miles distant, Lucky Lindy had taken off on his historic hop to Paris.

"As the Clippers fly," *Life* soon told its readers, "Europe is only 23 hours from New York. Twice each week, weather permitting, the great flying ships whirl up and head out over the Atlantic for Horta in the Azores, and Lisbon, Portugal," then, on to Marseilles, France, or Southampton, England. This was the so-called, year-around "Southern route." During the summer months, a Pan Am announcer also called out the Northern route: "Plane departing for Newfoundland, Ireland and Southampton. All aboard." As simply as that, flying to Europe became a reality in the Clippers that began

in filmy, ankle-length skirts as the stewards helped them aboard—the glamorous comings and goings, smacked of the stuff that dreams were made of.

"The Yankee Clipper . . . ah, the *Yankee Clipper*," a Texas banker recalls today, remembering the Movie-tone newsreels from his youth: "She set a million youngsters like me to daydreaming on the job, wondering how \$28 a week could be stretched to cover a round-trip to Lisbon. The gooseflesh lingered as you walked out of the theater and into the nearby WPA-built park with signs on the streetposts urging enrollment in the CCC. But no matter. You had faith in democracy and always knew that a better day was coming when you'd be walking across that gangplank in a Panama hat. Many of us



Boeing's big Yankee Clipper took off from Long Island Sound on the first commercial trip across the Atlantic on May 20, 1939.

to the New York World's Fair), thence to San Diego, New Orleans and up to the Tidal Basin in Washington, D. C., where First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt christened it the *Yankee Clipper*. On May 20th, the gigantic flying boat edged away from the ramp at its home base at Port Washington on Long Island Sound, skimmed "like a pot-bellied whale with wings" across the yachting waters of Manhasset Bay and lifted off "with deceptive ease," went into a climb, veered west and circled the World's Fair while the throngs below waved hats and cheered, then arrowed east to Europe.

Like her Pacific counterpart, the *Yankee Clipper* carried no fare-paying passengers on the first commercial transatlantic flight—just four dozen California marigolds for Great Britain's Dowager Queen Mary and mail sacks stuffed with 80,000 letters. All the same, it seemed incredible that only 12 years before to

shuttling back and forth across the Atlantic with the regularity of the *Queen Mary*.

Newspapers publicized their arrivals and departures, listing names of important passengers—Archduke Otto of Hapsburg, pretender to the Austro-Hungarian throne; Eve Curie, daughter of the discoverers of radium; Annabella, wife of movie idol Tyrone Power; Broadway actors and socialites; just about anyone who was anybody in the late thirties. It was the first jet set, without jets. The *Dixie Clipper* on one return trip brought over a group of svelte models from the Paris style shows, along with trunkfuls of the new Parisian creations, dresses and hats. To moviegoers wedged into narrow theater seats, clutching a nickel bag of greasy popcorn, watching newsreels of the well-heeled file across the gangplank—the men in Panama hats and tailor-made double-breasted suits; the women stepping carefully

even had our favorite pilots. My hero was the *Dixie Clipper's* captain, R. O. D. Sullivan, who, the newspapers said, knew every wave by heart."

In that golden age of travel, such phrases as "leg room" and "aisle space" were never mentioned. No one had to. The flying boats with their blunt, gull-shaped nose hulls may have been a headache for the engineers but they offered the traveler barn-size accommodations. The Boeing B-314 had two decks connected by a real staircase, the top for crew, mail, storage and navigation equipment, the lower main deck for passengers. "For this soaring above the dark Atlantic, passengers enjoy the comfort and luxury of a yacht," *Time* magazine said. "They will find 59 big, deeply upholstered seats arranged in six compartments and another 15 in a smoking-dining lounge. At night, two stewards convert the seats into staterooms with

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AUGUST 1975

**HOUSE AND SENATE EACH PASS BILLS
TO PROVIDE COST-OF-LIVING BOOSTS
IN VETERANS SERVICE-CONNECTED COM-
PENSATION AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS:**

During June both the House and the Senate unanimously passed different versions of legislation designed to provide cost-of-living increases in veterans disability compensation and survivor benefits...The House-passed measure would provide for a six-to-eight percent increase for those rated 10-50% disabled and a 10% increase for those rated 60% or more disabled...Increases in dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of veterans who died of service-connected causes would be about 10%.

The measure adopted by the Senate would provide a 14% increase for veterans rated 60% or more disabled and about 12% for veterans with less service-connected disability...Eligible spouses and children of veterans who die of service-connected disability would get a 14% boost in DIC under the Senate bill.

In time sequence, the House bill (HR7767) was adopted first and sent to the Senate...However, the Senate passed its version (S1597), then vacated that action by amending the House bill to include the Senate bill's language and returned that to the House along with a request for a conference...At presstime, a meeting date had not yet been scheduled.

Since both bills call for cost-of-living raises above the Administration's request that increases be held to 5%, any compromise result that comes out of conference may still face the hurdle of a Presidential veto.

**VETERANS DAY AND FLAG CODE MEASURES
STALLED IN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES:**

As Veterans Newsletter goes to press, two legislative items of vital interest to the Legion for many years are stalled in Congress...In the House, legislation to move Veterans Day from the fourth Monday in October to its original Nov. 11th date is awaiting markup in the Subcommittee on Population & Census...Similar legislation has already passed the Senate...There, a flag code bill has been marking time in the Subcommittee on Federal Charters, Holidays and Celebrations because the Administration's

Office of Management & Budget has not yet cleared a report from the Dep't of Defense which supports the flag code measure...When and if the bill gets past these hurdles it will still have to move through the House Judiciary Committee.

LEGION TESTIFIES ON NAT'L CEMETERIES:

Noting that operation of the National Cemetery System had "vastly improved" since jurisdiction and management of its widely separated facilities were transferred and centralized under the VA, Robert E. Lyngh; Deputy Director of the Legion's Nat'l Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission, recently told a House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Cemeteries and Burial Benefits that the Legion had supported the change and was generally pleased with results thus far...However, he noted that the Legion was still not in harmony with the continuing restrictions on burial at Arlington National Cemetery, which is under the jurisdiction of the Dep't of Defense...Only active duty personnel, retired members of the Regular Establishments, Congressional Medal of Honor winners and present or former high officers of the federal government who are also veterans, may be interred at Arlington... "We say this is the most obvious form of discrimination," noted Lyngh, as he added that "the Legion believes the designation of land from the Manassas Battlefield to be used as an adjunct to Arlington, would be satisfactory and appropriate."

The Legion urged that veterans continue to receive both VA burial allowances and Social Security burial benefits under the theory that the VA benefit is a gratuity rendered for honorable service and the Social Security benefit is an earned benefit.

Also backed was the concept of establishment of state veterans cemeteries with the aid of federal grants and the construction of columbaria (to house crematorial ashes) and mausoleums.

• In a related development, the House of Representatives adopted and sent to the Senate a bill setting aside money for a new VA cemetery in Pennsylvania which specifically stated that it should not be created at

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Valley Forge State Park...The adverse recommendation grew out of a House Appropriations Committee report which said: "There is no justification for spoiling national shrines or overly developing activities at such locations..." ...This drew the fire of the Pennsylvania Legion which noted that war veterans who fought at other locations were entitled to burial on sacred ground on the same basis as earlier veterans of the nation's conflicts...Pennsylvania's Legion Cmdr Richard Snyder said: "It is wholly possible that if these men and women had not done such a magnificent job in defeating Germany and Japan, that the sacred soil of Valley Forge might now be a concentration camp."

WARTIME BENEFITS OPPOSED FOR PEACETIME EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL:

The Legion has called upon Congress to enact legislation which would cut off eligibility to wartime benefits for persons who enter active duty in the armed services during peacetime...U.S. participation in the Vietnam War ended Jan. 27, 1973 and the military draft ended June 30, 1973... On May 7 this year, President Ford terminated certain wartime benefits effective the following day and also asked Congress to enact legislation ending educational benefits for peacetime service personnel...The Dep't of Defense opposes this because of the adverse effect the loss of them might have on recruiting...The Legion has no objection to the development of an educational program for peacetime ex-service personnel if it is established under the auspices and budget of the Dep't of Defense and not charged to the VA.

CONGRESS IS WARNED AGAINST RELAXATION OF SANCTIONS ON CUBA:

The Legion recently warned a House Int'l Affairs Subcommittee that it saw no reason for the U.S. to relax its economic and diplomatic boycott of Cuba...Citing a resolution adopted at the Legion's 1974 Miami Beach National Convention, which is the backbone for this position, Dr. Robert P. Foster, Chmn, Foreign Relations Commission noted that there were increasing business relations by U.S. companies through third-party nation contacts which were circumventing U.S. official policy...

He said that the Castro government had (1) not changed its ideology, (2) still had a satellite alliance with the U.S.S.R., (3) still has not respected the human rights of its own people and (4) was still exporting subversion and revolution to other Latin American nations...In addition, Dr. Foster noted, "The Soviet Union has a stranglehold on Cuba today. It operates military aircraft out of Cuban airfields to spy on the U.S. defenses. It uses Cuban ports for its naval vessels, including nuclear missile submarines. It has succeeded in binding the Cuban economy to the needs of the communist bloc in Eastern Europe..."

Because of this the Legion "firmly believes that it would not be in the best interest of the U.S. to remove the economic boycott of Cuba at this time. We believe it would be harmful to the interests of the free world—a world already shaken by the fall of South Vietnam and Cambodia. We believe the boycott should be retained until the Cuban government begins to live up to its responsibilities in international affairs and in its treatment of its own citizens."

LEGION CALLS FOR A HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CHECK VIETNAM WAR MIA SITUATION:

In a recent letter, Legion Nat'l Cmdr James M. Wagoner has urged the House of Representatives to act on a number of pending resolutions which, if adopted, would authorize a House Committee to conduct a complete investigation of the whereabouts of our known dead and missing-in-action personnel of the war in Southeast Asia.

VIET VET GI BILL GETS HIGH USAGE:

The VA recently reported it has figures showing that more Vietnam Era veterans have trained under the current G.I. Bill than did under the original WW2 legislation or under the Korean War G.I. Bill...The agency notes that a total of 5.7 million men and women have received some form of training under the Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act of 1966—about 53% of the total veteran population for the nine-year period...In contrast, the VA states that 51% of eligible vets participated in the WW2 program (7.8 million out of 15.4 million eligible) and 43% participated in the Korean War program (nearly 2.4 million out of 5.5 million vets).

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Pres. Ford Will Address The Legion's 57th Nat'l Convention

Past Nat'l Cmdr Colmery to get Legion Distinguished Service Medal; VA Administrator Roudebush, Steelworkers union Pres. I. W. Abel, writer Jim Bishop and sportscaster Curt Gowdy are among those invited to the convention.

President Gerald R. Ford will be the principal speaker at The American Legion's 57th Annual National Convention in Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 15-21. This will be the Legion's fourth national conclave in the Minneapolis area (the others, 1919, 1924 and 1959).

During the convention, The American Legion's highest honor, its Distinguished Service Medal, will be presented by National Commander James M. Wagon-seller, to Past National Commander Harry W. Colmery (Kans. 1936-37), for his contribution as primary drafter of the original G.I. Bill of Rights.

When WW2 was drawing to a close, Legion leaders were concerned with the prospect that millions of returning servicemen and women would not be adequately prepared for the transition to civilian life nor would they be easily able to make up for time lost in the service of their nation. The Legion perceived that new laws would be necessary to help this transition. Thus, Mr. Colmery personally spent about five months in the nation's capital drawing upon Legion mandates for direction and writing and rewriting the language which eventually evolved into what is popularly known as the G.I. Bill. This set of laws is universally considered landmark legislation in that it provided such far-reaching benefits for WW2 veterans and contributed so significantly to the nation's economic and social recovery in the years that followed. The law later served as the model for Korean War and Vietnam Era G.I. Bills and made possible a better way of life for millions of ex-servicemen and women over a generation of time.

Also invited to the national convention to receive honors or address some of its meetings are a whole host of government officials and national personalities. Among them:

- U. S. Navy Secretary J. William Mid-

dendorf, who will address the Legion's Nat'l Security Commission.

- VA Administrator Richard L. Roudebush, who will bring greetings to the convention.

• Jim Bishop, internationally known author and columnist, who will receive The American Legion's Fourth Estate Award.

- Sportscaster Curt Gowdy, who will address the National Commander's Banquet to Distinguished Guests.

• I. W. Abel, President of the 945,000-member United Steelworkers of America union.

- U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Frederick C. Weyand.

• U.S. Chamber of Commerce President, Dr. Richard L. Leshner.

- Russ Gibb, Director, Youth & Education Programs of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, who will address the Legion's Americanism Commission.

• W. Armin Willig, Chmn, Board of Directors, American Cancer Society, who



Legionsnaire President Gerald R. Ford.

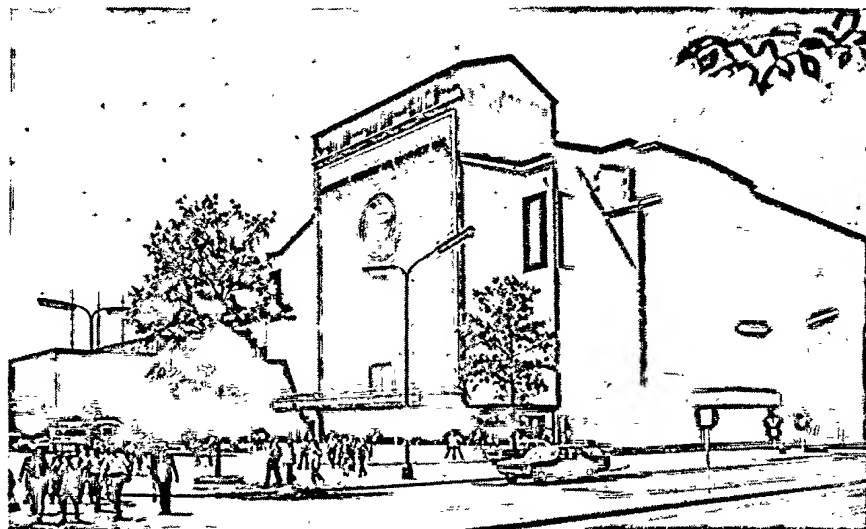
will respond to the National Commander's announcement of American Legion participation in a national cancer fund drive. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Birch Bayh, wife of the Indiana Senator, who is the immediate Past Nat'l Cancer Crusade Chairlady.

- Representatives of American Legion youth programs, who will be presented to the convention delegates.

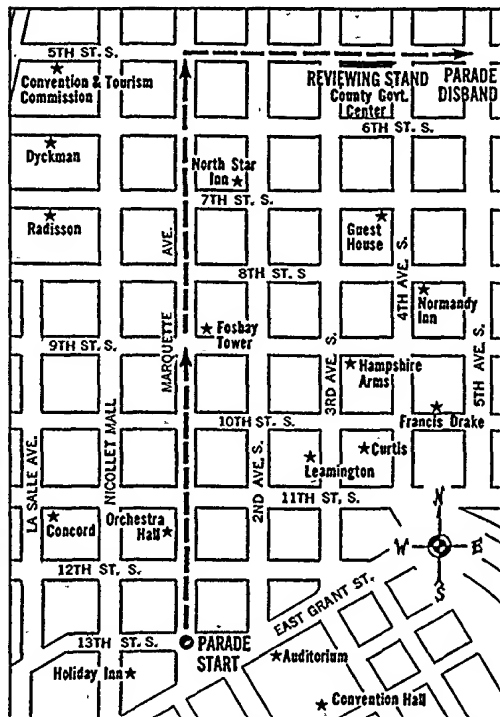
Here are some important locations during the convention period:

- The Leamington Hotel will be the Legion's Hq Hotel and the site of most meetings of standing commissions and convention committees.

- The Radisson Hotel-Downtown will



Legion meets at Minneapolis Auditorium & Convention Hall, 13th St., & 2nd Ave.



Convention Parade route and landmarks.

be the Legion Auxiliary Hq Hotel and the site for all its activities.

- The Dyckman Hotel will be the Hq Hotel of the 8 et 40 organization.

- The Minneapolis Auditorium will be the location of the Nat'l Hq Office beginning on Aug. 11 and also the site of National Convention sessions beginning on Aug. 19. The Nat'l Cmdr's Banquet to Distinguished Guests will be held there.

- Sons of The American Legion will hold its National Convention at the Holiday Inn-Downtown.

The following is a day-by-day schedule of events of the convention period as now planned:

Friday, Aug. 15: Standing commissions and committees begin meetings, most of which will be held at the Leamington Hotel. Sons of the Legion Executive Committee meets, Holiday Inn-Downtown. Twenty and Four organization holds meetings and Annual Bivouac Banquet at Holiday Inn-Downtown, Aug. 14-15. Junior Drum Corps prelims, South High School, Barnard Field, Lake St., and 19th Junior and Senior Drill Teams and Firing Squad Contests, Parade Diamond No. 2.

Saturday, Aug. 16: Standing commissions and committees continue meetings. Sons of the Legion Convention sessions start. Junior Field Bands, Edison High School, Monroe St., and 20th Ave., N. E. Junior and Senior Color Guard Contests, Parade Diamond No. 2. Senior Drum Corps prelims, South High School, Legion Historians luncheon, Leamington Hotel. Society of American Legion Founders meeting and dinner, Leamington Hotel. The Legion's Musical Spectacular will take place at Parade Stadium in downtown Minneapolis starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50 for reserved section and \$2.50 for general admission. No discount this year due to state and city tax laws. To order in advance, make checks payable and send order to: *American Legion 1975 Convention Corp., Leamington Hotel,*

Nat'l Membership Bulletin

At the end of June national membership in the Legion had reached 2,664,368. This was 28,678 enrollments ahead of last year at the same date. Five dep'ts (Md., Minn., N.H., N.D. and S.D.) had reached all-time highs; 23 had exceeded last year's membership and 27 had surpassed their goals.

1014 3rd Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55404. The 29th Annual Drawing for the Ford cars donated by the Seagram Posts will take place at the spectacular. An official coupon to enable you to participate is on this page. Fill it out and send it in right away. No need to be present at the convention to win but you must be a dues paid member of the Legion or Auxiliary. Entries must be received by midnight, Aug. 15, 1975.

Sunday, Aug. 17: Convention committees begin meetings, most of which will be held at the Leamington Hotel. Sons of the Legion Convention concludes. ANAVICUS breakfast and meeting to be held at Leamington Hotel, 8:00 a.m. National Convention Patriotic & Memorial Service takes place 9:00 a.m., at Orchestra Hall, 1111 Nicollet Ave., followed by the Chorus & Quartet Contests and Senior Band Contests. The National Executive Committee pre-convention meeting takes place at 11:00 a.m., in the Iowa Room, Leamington Hotel. The National Convention Parade starts at 2:00 p.m., from 13th St., goes north on Marquette to 5th Ave. The reviewing stand will be at 5th St. and 3rd Ave., and the parade is expected to take about six hours to travel the 12-block route. The Minnesota Legion is planning to put on one of the largest marching displays of massed U.S. flags ever seen.

Monday, Aug. 18: Convention committees complete meetings. FODPAL breakfast meeting, Leamington Hotel, 1954 Legion College Class Breakfast, Leamington Hotel. National Convention Golf Tournament takes place at Golden Valley Country Club beginning at 9:30 a.m. Some places still open in the tournament at presstime. Contact your Department Adjutant for full details. Past Commanders' Luncheon, Michigan Room, Leamington Hotel. William Conrad, star of the "Cannon" television detective show, will receive the club's "Good Guy" award.

Tuesday, Aug. 19: National Convention sessions begin 9:00 a.m., Minneapolis Auditorium, National Commander's Banquet to Distinguished Guests, 7:30 p.m., Convention Hall, tickets \$17.50 each.

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SEAGRAM POSTS 29th FORD AWARDS

Wednesday, Aug. 20: Second day of National Convention, American Legion Auxiliary States Dinner, Radisson Hotel, 8:00 p.m. Special Beer Party, Armory, 5th Street at 5th Ave., 4:00 p.m., to midnight.

Thursday, Aug. 21: Final day of National Convention, election of National Commander and national officers. Post-convention meeting of National Executive Committee.

Other convention notes:

- The Minnesota Twins baseball team will be playing three games each with the Cleveland Indians and the Baltimore Orioles during the Convention period. Highlight will be a pre-game Twins Salute to The American Legion on Monday night, Aug. 18, at Metropolitan Stadium beginning promptly at 7:55 p.m.

- The 57th National Convention is being dedicated to the Society of American Legion Founders. Its remaining survivors will be distinguished guests of the Convention and will have a special spot in the big parade. The parade itself is being dedicated to the U.S. armed forces in recognition of America's Bicentennial observance.

- The American Legion's Employer of the Year Awards for hiring veterans will be presented to the ITT Continental Baking Co., and the Fleischmann Distilling Corp.

- The American Legion 1975 Commemorative Replica goes on sale during the convention to be followed by national distribution after its premiere. In past years, the Legion had had a commemorative bottle. This year, Seagram's decided instead to reproduce the distinctive round tower at historic Ft. Snelling (near Minneapolis) as a ceramic container or holder of a fifth of its Benchmark premium bourbon.

Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year



In this photo, Nat'l Cmdr James M. Wagnon has just presented a delighted Wilbur Wood, Chicago White Sox pitcher, with the Legion's Baseball Graduate of the Year Award for 1974 at his team's park on June 22. The award each year honors the ballplayer who best exemplifies the principles and ideals of Legion baseball. Wood played for Watertown Post 99, Watertown, Mass., in the late 1950's.

Legion World Series

The 50th Annual American Legion World Series of Baseball will be held Aug. 28-Sept. 1, 1975 at Sioux Park Stadium, Rapid City, S. Dak., with Rapid City Legion Post 22 and Baseball Parents, Inc. of Post 22 as co-hosts.

The series will consist of 14 games with teams garnering two losses going

out of the tournament. If a tie results by the end of the 14th game, a 15th game will be played.

Leading up to the Series will be elimination tournaments held in eight regional cities beginning on Aug. 20. Here are the locations and names of host posts: Northeastern Regional, Adams Field, Quincy, Mass., host, Cyril P. Morrisette Post 294; Mid-Atlantic Regional, Shepherd Stadium, Colonial Heights, Va., host, Colonial Heights Post 284; Southeastern Regional, Anderson County Memorial Stadium, Anderson, S.C., host, W.A. Hudgens Post 14; Mid-South Regional, Legion Field, Greenville, Miss., host, Beppo-Arnold-Knowles, Inc., Post 32; Great Lakes Regional, Ty Holland Stadium, Murray, Ky., host, Murray Post 73; Central Plains Regional, Veterans Memorial Stadium, Cedar Rapids, Ia., host, Hanford Post 5; Pacific Northwest Regional, Thorne-Rider Stadium, Sheridan, Wyo., host, John Donald Garbutt Post 7; Western Regional, Runyon Field, Pueblo, Colo., co-hosts, Runyon Field Committee, Inc., and Pueblo County Post 203.

Clemency Progress Report

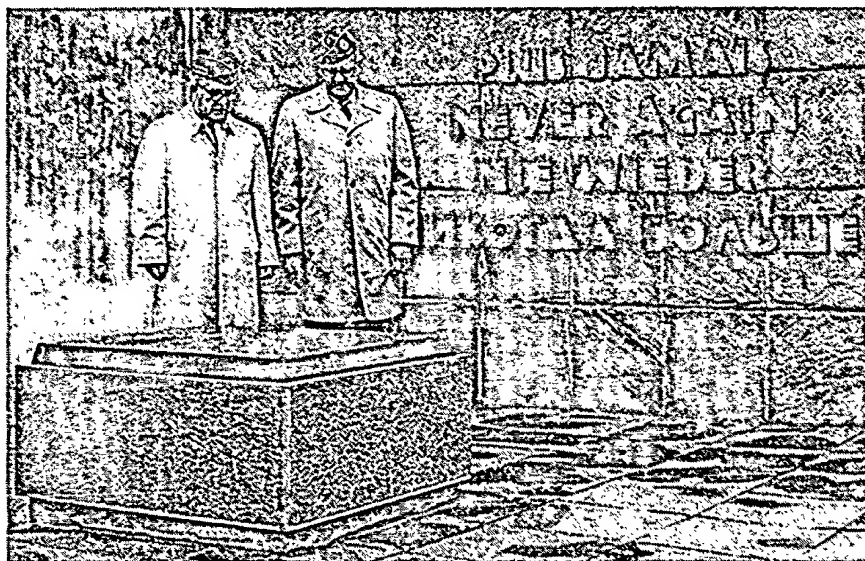
After almost a year in operation the President's conditional clemency program for draft evaders and military deserters was still a long way from his stated goal of "binding the nation's wounds and healing the scars of divisiveness."

Between Sept. 16, 1974 when the program opened and March 31, 1975 when it ceased accepting applications, only about 25,000 of almost 125,000 reported eligible military deserters and draft evaders stepped forward to take advantage of the provisions of the clemency program.

When it was inaugurated, the am-

National Officers Visit World War II Dachau Concentration Camp

The photo at right shows National Adjutant William F. Hauck and National Commander James M. Wagnon at the memorial at Dachau Concentration Camp near Munich, Germany where thousands were incarcerated and died during World War II. A delegation of members of Legion Post 8 of Munich escorted the national officers on a tour of the prison camp. The Dachau visit was part of the Nat'l Cmdr's recent military and diplomatic briefing tour of several European countries. It began with a visit to the invasion beaches of Normandy, France, and included wreath-laying ceremonies in conjunction with Memorial Day observances at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arch of Triumph in Paris and at various U.S. military cemeteries. The group also received a briefing tour of the Rhein Main Air Base near Frankfurt, Germany.



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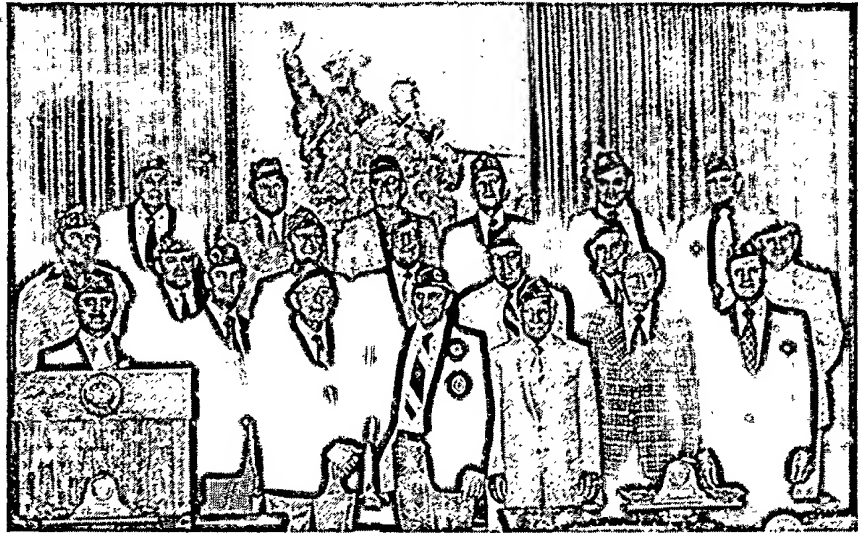
nesty plan was set up in three segments for the categories of people it was designed to serve. Some 110,000 persons convicted of military desertion or draft evasion could apply to a Presidential Clemency Board, arrange terms of clemency and receive a Presidential pardon along with a clemency discharge (which does not grant VA benefits) after a period of alternative service.

About 4,400 persons charged with civilian draft evasion could negotiate pending charges with their U. S. Attorney in return for alternative service.

And, more than 10,000 A. W. O. L. military personnel or deserters accused of offenses could accept honorable discharges and leave the military, or if desired, obtain a clemency discharge by performing alternative service. By mid-June, out of this last group, about half had applied for alternative service, some 4,000 were assigned jobs and about 1,300 were still at work. The balance had either (1) completed their alternative service (2) forgone it and settled for undesirable discharges or (3) been unable to procure employment.

The Dep't of Justice reported that of the 4,400 accused who were eligible for its program, 680 had been enrolled and 596 assigned to alternative service jobs. There were almost 400 still at work with the rest unable to find public service

Past Commanders Club of Nat'l Cmdr's Post Visits Nat'l Hq



The 20 Legionnaires in this photo are all past commanders of Post 11, Lancaster, Ohio, including Nat'l Cmdr Wagon seller, standing in the center. They are all members of that post's exclusive "Black Cat Club," composed solely of past post commanders and so named because it only meets on any Friday the 13th. They posed for the photo during a visit to Nat'l Hq in Indianapolis on Friday the 13th in June.

jobs because of economic conditions.

Of the largest group, the 110,000 convicted of military desertion or draft evasion, the Presidential Clemency Board reported in June that only 165 applications had been acted on with 11

men working at alternative service jobs in order to receive Presidential pardons. The original nine-member Clemency Board has been doubled in size and its staff of lawyers, clerks and other personnel has been increased to over 500 in order to handle the monumental paperwork involved.

• In a related development during April, Nat'l Cmdr James M. Wagon seller castigated a Subcommittee of the House Committee on the Judiciary for denying the American Legion the opportunity of offering "live" testimony on the subject of amnesty, for which the committee was then holding hearings. The Legion did submit a written statement that it "opposed further liberalization of the treatment of draft evaders and deserters and felt that existing agencies and prevailing law are capable of handling the current problem in all of its ramifications."

Jobless Veterans

Figures released in June by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Dep't of Labor showed that about 575,000 Vietnam Era veterans were out of work. That's more than twice as many as a year earlier.

The overall rate of unemployment for veterans between the ages of 20-34 was 9.3%—almost twice as high as a year earlier. The rate for the group from 20-24 years of age was over 21% and just about 7% for veterans between 25-34 years of age.

The national unemployment rate was 9.2% at the end of May with over 8½ million Americans reported out of work.

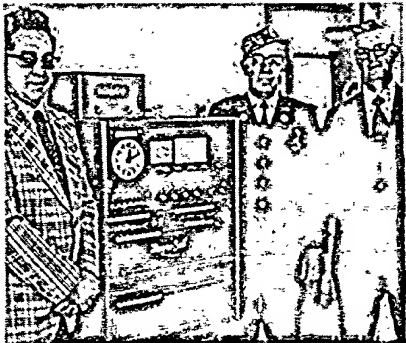
Legion Post Awards Plaque To Business Which Closes on Memorial Day

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The Legionnaires of Post 21, Cresskill, N.J., quickly voted a plaque of appreciation to a local lighting and electrical fixtures concern when they read its newspaper ad announcing it would close on Memorial Day and urging other businesses to do the same. Post 21 Cmdr Art Meyer is shaking hands with William M. Schmidt. Next to Bill is his brother George and son William H. Schmidt (dark shirt). The Schmidt's own Paramus Lighting, Bergen County, N.J., and are all veterans as are all their male employees. At left, Ed Julian, Post 21 Americanism Chmn. Sign on window behind them tells story, along with reflected U. S. flag which flies day and night (lighted).

South Dakota Legion Gift



PHOTOS, ERWIN HARTMAN, VAN FT. MEADE

Carillon is SD Legion gift to cemetery.

The South Dakota Legion gave to the Black Hills Nat'l Cemetery a Schulerich Carillon MagnaBell III System, dedicated on Memorial Day. The Carillon was adapted to an FM public address system. A tape deck was included for the playing of hymns, taps, etc. The cost was \$5,000.

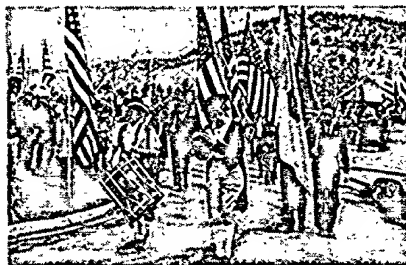
A highlight of the memorial occasion was the completion of the Avenue of Flags, first installed on Memorial Day 1968 by local veterans organizations and consisting of 73 flags located at the entrance and around the flag staff area of the cemetery. This year, with the assistance of veterans organizations throughout the state, the Avenue of Flags was extended completely around the cemetery drives, using 169 flags. All flags were received from the next of kin of deceased veterans and service men.

Dep't Cmdr Don Clarke introduced the principal speaker, Bobbie Beller, Director, VA Nat'l Cemetery Services, and dedicated the Carillon.

A luncheon was provided for all participants in the ceremony by Post 33, Sturgis. Music was by the State Legion Band, directed by Art Neidan.

It was estimated that between 2,500 and 3,000 viewed the ceremonies.

In the upper photo, shown with the Carillon, from the left, are: Andrew Szilvasi, Supt., Black Hills Nat'l Cemetery; Delmar Junek, chairman, SD Legion Nat'l Cemetery Committee; and Bobbie Beller.



Fife & Drum Corps leads procession.

In the lower photo, showing the Fife & Drum Corps leading the parade of colors, the drummer (left) is Charles Childs. Playing the fife is LaVerne Clark.

Cadet Lawman Academy

The Kansas Legion and the Kansas Highway Patrol again cosponsored the Cadet Lawman Academy at the KHP Training Center located at Schilling AFB, Salina. Forty young men, who are juniors in high school and rank in the top half of their class scholastically, were selected to attend this youth program.

The individual sponsorship of a cadet was by one of the 375 Kansas Legion posts. Each cadet was approved by a law enforcement officer, his school, and a post.

The purpose of the program is to help young men gain knowledge regarding the training and responsibilities of law enforcement officers. Therefore, they will hopefully better understand and have greater respect and appreciation for lawmen at all levels. They are asked upon their return to speak to civic, school and youth organizations, helping those people to respect, appreciate and support law enforcement officials.

BRIEFLY NOTED



Conn. spreads the word about the flag.

Eight posts and ten units in Connecticut have formed a Bicentennial Flag History Team to promote interest in the nation's flag, using the Bicentennial Observance as the central issue. The 18-member group was organized and is directed by Mrs. Natalie Yasensky (third from left, first row in photo), Past Dep't President, who researched and wrote the script for each flag. In less than one year, 21 performances have been given, including three parades, a TV show, and a visit to the Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital. Eight historic US flags are used, dating back to the Bedford-Flag, used at the Battle of Lexington and Concord (1775), the Grand Union Flag, the Bennington, Betsy Ross, First Navy Jack, Fifteen Stars and Fifteen Stripes, Connecticut State Flag, to the present 50-star Flag. As each flag is advanced by a Legionnaire, an Auxiliare acts as an escort

and a speaker for that flag. Two members are missing from the photo.

A Bicentennial project of Legion District 22, Texas, is the Cruiser Houston Memorial, the final phase of which calls for the creation of a Cruiser Houston Room at the Central Library to house permanently a collection of documents and historical material concerning both ships Houston and the Houston Volunteers. Nearly 33 years ago, local citizens raised \$86 million to replace the *USS Cruiser Houston*, sunk in WW2, as 1,000 men rallied in front of what was then Loew's Theater, Main Street near McKinney in Houston, for a mass enlistment in the Navy to replace the lost crew members. Those men were thereafter known as the Houston Volunteers, and the site was recently designated as a Texas Historical Landmark. Phase 1 of the project was the rededication of a plaque at the original site on Main Street, Phase 2 was the creation of a memorial to both ships and their crews.

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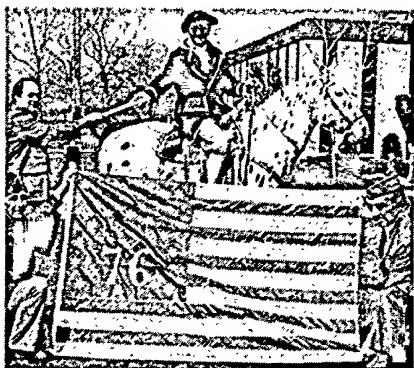
Under the sponsorship of Post and Unit 47, Lake Worth, Fla., with the cooperation of the city and of Lake Worth H.S., the annual Youth Town program was held—a sort of Boys' State on the city level. Elected and appointed high school students occupied city offices in an experience that taught them much about city government. The city officials got an opportunity to gain an insight into the views and attitudes of these younger citizens. The elected officials were voted on by the students and those elected made the appointments. Included were a tour of the city's departments and a municipal court session.



Post 346, Mich., utilized this theme.

Post 346, Farmington, Mich., was joined by VFW Post 2269 in a Bicentennial Program. The posts sell lapel pins commemorating Paul Revere's ride, the slogan on the pin being "Revere Our Country" (see photo of card reproduction). All profits will go to the Mongoloid Children Achievements Foundation. Official kick-off was April 26, with a Paul Revere Ride from the

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"Paul Revere" and the Bennington Flag.

Legion Hall to each of two City Halls (Farmington and Farmington Hills). At this time a proclamation and a Bennington Flag were presented to each mayor. In return the posts were given proclamations from each city proclaiming the simulated Paul Revere Ride as the official beginning of activities for the Bicentennial. The Legion Committee chairman is Gerald Farrell. In the photo above, Ralph Yoder, mayor of Farmington, receives a scroll from Nat Little (Paul Revere). Jay Farrell, of Legion Post 346, and William Tolhurst of VFW Post 2269 display the Bennington Flag.

Aviator's Valor Awards, presented to rated crew members in the military for conspicuous valor during flight, were given by Aviator's Post 743, New York, N.Y. Each of the military services—Army, Navy and Air Force—selected a recipient. This year, double awards were given since both 1973 and 1974 nominees were available. A senior military officer was present from each service to make the presentations for both years. Co-chairing the event for Post Cmdr Matthew Boonstra were two past commanders, Clayton Stiles and Edward Bond. All recipients were nominated by the Chiefs of Staff of their respective services. In the photo, showing some of those attending, l. to r., are: Clayton Stiles; Maj. & Mrs. David Clark (USAF, an award winner); Capt. & Mrs. Douglas Smith (USAF, an award winner); Brig. Gen. John Germaraad (Inspector General, Military Airlift Cmd); Capt. & Mrs. James Gero



Aviator's Valor Award nominees get trophies from Aviator's Post 743, New York, N.Y.

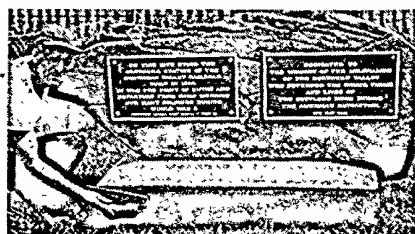
(USAF, an award winner); and Edward Bond.

Free to all children was an "Evening of Mystery & Music" presented by Florida Atlantic Univ. Post 325, Boca Raton, Fla. Featured was a magician, Mr. Lloyd, who was assisted by a troupe of professional magicians, clowns, and a barbershop quartet. The show was put on at a cost of over \$500. In the photo, Mr. Lloyd, left, and Post Cmdr Charles Vincent welcome the audience to the Magic Show.



Post 325, Fla., sponsors Magic Show.

In the town of Cresskill, N.J., Patrick DeVivo, of the Dep't of Public Works, finishes off the base of a Bicentennial memorial in Veterans Square. The 2-ton stone was acquired from the historic New Jersey Palisades in Fort Lee. The two plaques were unveiled on Memorial Day. The one at left reads: "On this site stood the Cresskill Station of



Two periods in America's history noted. the Northern Valley Railroad. Built in 1859. It was the point of entry and departure from Camp Merritt for many soldiers during World War I. American Legion Camp Merritt Post 21." The plaque at the right reads, "Dedi-

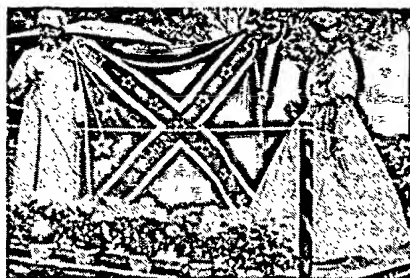
cated to the memory of the militiamen of the Northern Valley who defended the homes, farms, and lives of the settlers here during the American Revolution. VFW Post 3286."



Post 2, N.H.; new officers, new home

In their brand new post home, officers of Post 2, Manchester, N.H., effect the change of Post Commanders for the coming year. At left is James A. Sweeney, retired superintendent of the Manchester Water Works (Post Cmdr in 1930), awarding the Past Cmdr's pin to his son, Dr. John W. Sweeney, DDS, the immediate Past Post Cmdr. In the center is the incoming Post Cmdr, Robert Joyce, Jr.

In this photo, a hand-crocheted Confederate flag is presented to Mrs. J.A. Smith (at right), president of Jude A. Benjamin Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, by Post Cmdr Lamar Owens, Post 88, Jacksonville, Fla. The flag was personally hand-crocheted by Dr. Nila Colson (at left), a member of Unit 88. The presentation was made on Confederate Memorial Day at Gamble Mansion in Ellington, during a meeting of Jude A. Benjamin Chapter.



A gift to Daughters of the Confederacy

Post 571, Wesleyville, Pa., donated \$1,300 to the Fire Dep't to buy extra equipment for a new ambulance. Now, when the ambulance is on call, the operators can, utilizing the new equipment, communicate with the hospital and give first aid on the way, much like the procedure that involves the use of para-medics.

American Legion Life Insurance Month Ending May 31, 1975

Benefits paid Jan. 1-May 31, 1975.....	\$ 962,800
Benefits paid since April 1953.....	18,669,742
Basic units in force (number).....	143,916
New Applications approved since Jan. 1, 1975.....	2,514
New Applications declined.....	474
New Applications suspended (applicant failed to return health form).....	190

American Legion Life Insurance is an official program of the American Legion, adopted by the National Executive Committee, 1953. It is decreasing term insurance, issued on application to paid-up members of The American Legion subject to approval based on health and employment statement. Death benefits decrease with age, ranging from a maximum of \$40,000 for four units up through age 29 (age 25 in Ohio) to a minimum of \$250 for one unit at age 75 or over. Protection no longer stops at age 75, coverage may be carried for life as long as the annual premium is paid. The insured remains a member of The American Legion, and the Plan stays in effect. Available up to four units at a flat rate of \$24 per unit a year on a calendar year basis, pro-rated during the first year at \$2 a month per unit for insurance approved after January 1. Underwritten by two commercial life insurance companies, the Occidental Life Insurance Co. of California and United States Life Insurance Co. in the City of New York. American Legion Insurance Trust Fund is managed by trustees operating under the laws of Missouri. No other insurance may use the full words "American Legion." Administered by The American Legion Life Insurance Division, P.O. Box 5609, Chicago, Illinois 60680, to which write for more details.

San Antonio Post 565; San Antonio, Tex. Horizon City Post 598, El Paso, Tex.; Earl Ruder Post 613, College Station, Tex.; Herman Barnett Post 623, Houston, Tex.; Universal City Post 667, Universal City, Tex.; Midville-Union Post 29, Midville, Utah; Claudville Post 152, Claudville, Va.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Donald J. Smith, St. John's, Mich., chairman emeritus of the Legion's Nat'l Internal Affairs Commission and Past Dep't Cmdr (1955-56), honored recently as one of 25 recipients of the Governor's Michigan Minuteman Citations. In a ceremony at the State Capitol in Lansing, Smith was cited by Gov.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search For Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers.

2nd Air Force: Med Det attached to 2nd AF (Las Vegas, Nev. Sept. 1941)—Need to hear from Wooten, Crocker, Williams (or Williams), Major Bradbury (Protestant Chaplain), and any other comrades who recall that George E. Robertson hurt his back in an accident while moving an X-Ray machine and needed a stretcher to carry him to bed. Write "CD279, American Legion Magazine, 1345 Ave. of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019".

9th Inf Reg't, 93rd Bn. Co A (Fort Jackson, S. Car. Dec. 2, 1946)—Need information from Martinez, Manzanares, Jennette, 1st Sgt Green and any other comrades who recall that Juan P. Ortega suffered injuries to head and right eye in mess hall at lunch time. Write "CD280, American Legion Magazine, 1345 Ave. of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019".

340th Eng Avn Bn Co A (?) (Kempo, Korea K-14 June or July 1953)—Need information from any comrades who recall accident to Billy Fred Crow, who fell out of a weapons carrier (open top truck) when it slid off the road and down an embankment. Crow sustained a fractured spine in the accident. (now has arthritis in spine, also). He lay for ten days on his back, unable to go to sick call, then returned to work. Write "CD281, American Legion Magazine, 1345 Ave. of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019".

Army Adv Med Tng for Ortho Tech (Med Det Sta Hosp Fort Sam Houston, Texas Apr. or May 1942)—Need to hear from DeCoste, Gajewski and any other comrades who recall Joe H. Madrid being injured by a psychotic patient and requiring many stitches and 10 days hospitalization. Write "CD282, American Legion Magazine, 1345 Ave. of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019".

28th Div, 229th Field Art'y (Normandy July 31, 1944)—Need to hear from any comrades who recall that Clinton B. Young was wounded by shell burst during Normandy invasion, suffering shrapnel wounds of the back, and that he was found to have a heart murmur at time of his discharge physical at Fort Meade, Md., Oct. 1945. Write "CD283, American Legion Magazine, 1345 Ave. of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019".

372nd Inf, Co G (Fort Dix, N.J., Fort Knox, Ky. July 1941-Sept 1945)—Need information from Lt Evans and medical officers of 372nd Inf and enlisted members of 397th QM Trucking Co and any other comrades who recall that Louie Mattison, Jr., experienced dizziness and passing out seizures at least once a month. Write "CD284, American Legion Magazine, 1345 Ave. of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019".

AAFGS, LVA AF (Las Vegas, Nev. Oct 1944)—Need to hear from enlisted gunner trainees who belonged to same class and one permanent party officer, a pilot, and any other comrades who recall that Hugh J. Coyle, while loading 50-cal. ammo, lifted a box and strained his back. Write "CD285, American Legion Magazine, 1345 Ave. of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019".

William G. Milliken as being "quick to speak up for Michigan," through his activities with The American Legion.

Soleng Tom, Tucson, Ariz., former candidate for the office of Legion Nat'l Commander, named a member of the Nat'l Advisory Council of the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs. He was appointed by Sen. Vance Hartke, chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. A past Dep't Cmdr and past Nat'l Vice Cmdr, Soleng was nominated for the new post by Sen. Barry Goldwater, longtime Legionnaire of Arizona. Said Hartke: "The Nat'l Advisory Council will serve both as a brain trust for solutions and a sounding board for evaluating priorities and programs of the Senate Committee."

DEATHS

William L. Windsor, Harrisburg, Pa., Past Nat'l Executive Committeeman (1952-54) and Past Dep't Cmdr (1947-48). He was a WW1 veteran.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars write person whose address is given.

Notices accepted on official forms only. For form send stamped, addressed return envelope to C. R. Form, American Legion Magazine, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019. Notices should be received at least five months before scheduled reunion. No written letter necessary to get form.

Earliest submission favored when volume of requests is too great to print all.

ARMY

1st Army, Hq & Hq Co (WW2)—(Sept) Harry Ganter, 24 So. Pembroke St., Wethersfield, Ct. 06109
3rd Cav Gp, 3rd & 43rd RCN Sqdns—(Sept) Glen Sironen, 3139 Rypens Dr. N.W., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504
11th Eng (WW2)—(Sept) C. Morris, R#2, Box 771, Denver, F.C. 80307
13th Brigade, 1st FA Obsn Bn (WW2)—(Sept) Kenneth Doenges, P.O. Box 205, Naperville, Ill. 60540
27th Div—(Sept) George Criscione, 64 Green Island Ave., Latham, N.Y. 12110
35th Div—(Sept) Ken Townsend, 108 So. Central, Idabel, Okla. 74745
36th Div (WW1 & 2)—(Aug) James Minor, 711 W. 7th St., Post, Tex. 79356
37th QM Co—(Sept) Robert Beuck, 6350 Oberlin Rd., Amherst, Ohio 44001
39th Combat Eng (WW2)—(Sept) Thomas Swears, 122 So. Lane Dr., New Whiteland, Ind. 46184
40th Div (Korean War)—(Sept) Ed Lown, Maybrook, N.Y. 12543
43rd Div—(Sept) Joseph Zimmer, State Armory, 360 Broad St., Hartford, Ct. 06115
45th Div—(Sept) Maj Robert Armstrong, 3501 Military Cir., N.E., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73111
51st Chem Impregnating Co—(Sept) John Heidler, 116 W. Park Ave., Lindenwood, NJ 08021
51st Pioneer Inf (WW1)—(Sept) William Horning, Box 266, Kerhonkson, NY 12446
70th Eng Lt Ponton Co—(Sept) David Russell, 51 S. Lippincott Ave., Maple Shade, N.J. 08052
37th Div (WW1&2)—(Sept) Philip Marotta, 67 Oswego St., Baldwinsville, NY 13027
91st Div—(Aug) Bennie Schneider, Richardson, N.D. 58552
95th Med Gt Bn—(Sept) Walter Gantz, 829 Palm St., Scranton, Pa. 18505
100th Div—(Sept) Anthony Tom, 136 Grand View Ave., Bridgeport, Ct. 06606
101st Inf, Co L (WW1)—(Sept) George Kane, 20 Circular Ave., Natick, Mass. 01760
101st MP Bn—(Sept) John Babian, 1117 No. Baldwin Dr., No. Massapequa, NY 11758
106th Inf Reg't (WW2)—(Sept) Frank Dasting, 28 Area Pl., Staten Island, N. Y. 10314



The American Legion Nat'l Guard Medal for Military Excellence was recently presented by New Hampshire Dep't Cmdr Frank Bragg, Jr., to PFC Stephen Herbert, Manchesters, an honor graduate from the Noncommissioned Officer School at the New Hampshire Military Academy.

NEW POSTS

The American Legion has recently chartered the following new posts:

Kern River Valley Post 711, Wafford Heights, Ca.; Denver Post 1975, Denver, Colo.; Neninger Post 186, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Frank Mason Post 850, Harrisburg, Ill.; James Williams Post 882, Galatia, Ill.; James P. Hayes Memorial Post 1975, Stone Park, Ill.; Everly Post 414, Everly, Iowa; Kalamazoo Post 134, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Bayamon Post 198, Bayamon, P.R.; Estill Hendrex Post 400, Farmersville, Tex.;

NEWS

107th Inf (7th Reg't N.Y.)—(Sept) William Peel, 7th Regiment, 643 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021

109th Eng. Co B (WW1)—(Aug) H. Seymour, 601 Kilpatrick Bldg., Omaha, Neb. 68102

113th Eng. (WW1)—(Sept) Glen McCool, 1820 E. Sycamore St., Kokomo, Ind. 46901

114th Evac Hosp (SM)—(Sept) Joseph Scala, 222 White Oak Rd., Fairfield, Ct. 06430

120th Inf, Co L—(Sept) Bill Williamson, P.O. Box 1446, Laurinburg, N.C. 28352

127th Inf—(Sept) Douglas Connaheer 3200—22nd St., Menominee, MI. 49858

129th Field Art'y, Bats C & E (WW1)—(Sept) W. Myers, 5200 Harvard Ave., Kansas City, Mo. 64133

132nd Gen Hosp—(Sept) John Schoeph, 907 N. 18th Ave., Melrose Park, Ill. 60160

132nd Inf Reg't (WW2)—(Aug) Clarence Galetti, 3610 St. Paul Ave., Bellwood, Ill. 137th Inf, Co B (WW1)—(Sept) Floyd McGehe, 406 New Jersey Ave., Holton, Kans. 66436

139th FA (WW1)—(Sept) Dr. Harry Nagle, 417 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind. 156 Inf, Co E—(Sept) John Slover, RR3, Florida, Ill. 62839

158th Inf (RCT)—(Sept) Auggie Trujillo, 235 E. Washington, Phoenix, Ariz. 85004

160th Inf, Co D—(Sept) Victor Peter, 4907 Holly Park Dr., Pasadena, Tex. 77505

163rd Inf—(Sept) Edgar Langston, Box 675, Marlowton, Mont. 59036

164th Inf, Co I—(Sept) Rudy Beling, 304-8th St. No., Wahpeton, N.D. 58075

165th Eng Combat Bn—(Sept) Harvey Mitchell, Burlington, N.C. 27215

168th Inf, Co C (WW2)—(Sept) Dave Nelson, 2002 So. 3rd Ave., Newton, Ia. 174th Inf Reg't (NYNG, Fort Dix, N.J.)—(Sept) Henry Petersen, 200 Loring Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 44241

196th RCT, Co C (Korean War)—(Sept) Al Pieper, 1515 Pine St., Yankton, S.D. 57078

241st Coast Art'y HD, Bat C (WW2)—(Sept) Frank Ciaccio, 107 Chelsea St., E. Boston, Mass. 02128

246th Virginia NG CA—(Sept) Ray Cross, 1209 Kerns Ave., S. W. Roanoke, Va. 24015

267th QM Baking Co—(Sept) Jack Palmer, 1968 Middle Bellville Rd., Mansfield, O. 309th Eng & Ladies Aux (WW1)—(Sept) Leonard Davis, 1456 Loretta Dr., Indianapolis, Ind. 46227

327th Field Art'y (WW1)—(Sept) Tracy Tackett, 322 N. Madison St., Taylorville, Ill. 62568

351st Inf, Mach Gun Co—(Sept) Roy Overmyer, Fontanelle, Iowa 50846

437th MP Escort Gd Co (WW2)—(Aug) Joe Allan, -6820 Gulick Rd., RD #3, Naples, NY

485th Combat Eng Bn—(Sept) A. Isringhausen, 516 W. Pearl St., Jerseyville, Ill. 62052

531st Eng Shore Reg't, 1st Spec Brigade—(Sept) Richard Ready, 84 Selwyn St., Roslindale, Mass. 02131

533rd AA Bn—(Aug) L. Thompson, 3824 S.W. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50315

539th QM Salvage Repair Co—(Aug) Theodore Sykes, 5807 Warwick Rd., Parma, Ohio 44129

555th AAA AW Bn, Bat C—(Sept) Joe Lowe, 2306 So. 50th, Kansas City, Kans. 559th Ord HM Co (Tank)—(Sept) Charles Raksanyi, Jr., 8142 Van Buren St., Munster, Ind. 46321

710th Tank Bn—(Sept) Michael Mezzacappa, 22 Andrews St., Staten Island, NY 10305

713th MP Bn—(Sept) William Fegley, 104 Undercliff Ct., Ridgewood, NJ 07450

719th Rwy Oper Bn (WW2)—(Sept) Rodney Runsteen, 12620 W. Dodge Rd., Omaha, Neb. 68154

721st Eng Depot Co—(Sept) Clayton Steffen, 5935 Monks Rd., Canandigua, NY 14424

728th Amphib Tractor Bn—(Aug) Harold McCoy, 139 E. Auburndale, Youngstown, O. 44507

728th Ord Co & 103rd QM, Co E—(Aug) Frank Linn, 210 E. Middle St., Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

741st Eng—(Aug) Roy Gabbert, 301 N. Market St., W. Union, Ohio 45693

751st Tank Bn (M)—(Sept) Emery Lutch, 13532 Hunt Rd., Strongsville, O. 44136

775th FA Bn (WW2)—(Sept) Walter Carroll, R#1, Bx 244, Anderson, Ind. 46011

776th Field Art'y Bn (WW2)—(Sept) Walter Peternell, 4162 Bridlewood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44321

787th Eng Petroleum Dist Co—(Sept) Melvin Williams, 3012 No. 51st St., Kansas City, Kans. 66104

803rd Chem Co—(Aug) Joseph Mager, 30654 Dell La., Warren, Mich. 48092

901st Eng, AF Hq Co—(Sept) George Berman, 198 Minerva St., Derby, Conn. 06418

1590th Ord Sup & Maint Co, Avn Team C (WW2)—(Sept) Allen Streeter, 6316 E. Kearney Dr., Saginaw, Mich. 48603

McCaw Gen Hosp.—(Sept), McCaw Reunion Con., 4514 SE Woodward, Portland, Ore. Old 3rd Oregon (162nd Inf)—(Sept) Fred Peterson, 2024 NE 37th Ave., Portland, Ore. 97212

NAVY

19th Marine Inf Bn, Co B—(Sept) W. Sweeney, 40 Rolling Hill Dr., Fairport, NY 14450

19th Seabees—(Sept) Herbert McCallen, 97 Lawr Pk Crsnt, Bronxville, N.Y. 10708

20th Seabees—(Sept) James Roberts, 3602 Ernest St., Jacksonville, Fla. 32205

21st Seabees—(Sept) Tom Brown, P.O. Box 151, El Dorado, Cal. 95623

38th Seabees—(Sept) Norman Martinsen, 10430 Greenview Dr., Oakland, Ca. 94605

LSM 266—(Sept) Edward Metcalf, 2015 Airfield Lane, Midland, Mich. 48640

LST 288 (WW2)—(Sept) Stephen Sudyn, 2319 Amsdell Rd., Hamburg, NY 14075

LST 716 (Iwojima 1945)—(Sept) Winthrop Hamilton, P.O. Box 244, Dover, N.H. 03820

LST Flotilla 7 (SW Pacific WW2)—(Sept) Peter Ruffenach, 3770 W. Broadway, Robbinsdale, Minn. 55422

USS Ashtabula (AO51, 1949-54)—(Aug) Cotton Marshall, Scottsboro, Ala.

USS Boise—(Sept) Warren Freeman, 634 E. 61st St., Kansas City, Mo. 64110

USS Cascade (AD16 1951-54)—(Aug) Bob Croghan, 2343 Hampton, St. Louis, Mo. 63139

USS Corry (463 Dec. 1941—June 1944)—(Sept) G. Gullickson, 1909 Salk St., Virginia Beach, Va. 23455

USS Dobbin (AD3)—(Sept) Charles Johnson, 154 4th Ave., Chula Vista, Ca. 92010

USS Emmons (DM3 22, DD457)—(Sept) David Jensen, 87-26 259 St., Floral Park, NY 11001

USS Guest (DD472)—(Sept) Howard Lindberg, 323 27th St., McKeesport, Pa. 15132

USS Gunnel (SS253)—(Aug) Donald Kane, 1539 Franklin Ave., Mineola, NY 11501

USS Langley—(Sept) Paul Gibbs, 941 W. "A" St., Dixon, Ca. 95620

USS Mount Vernon—(Sept) Phil Horne, Box 529, Newton, Mass. 02158

USS Reid (DD369)—(Sept) Robert Sneed, 1537 No. 59th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53208

USS SC 527—(Sept) Henry DeSimone, 504 Duane Dr., No. Tonawanda, NY 14120

USS Starr (AKA67)—(Sept) Jerry Huber, 228 So. Ridge St., Crown Point, Ind. 46307

AIR

22nd Air Depot Supply Sqd—(Sept) Robert Jess, 101½ E. Gibson St., Canandigua, NY 14424

85th Depot Repair Sqdn—(Sept) Perry Patton, 925 San Benito Rd., Berkeley, Ca. 94707

138th Aero Sqdn (WW1)—(Sept) Joseph Lafond, 321 Charles St., Woodburn, Ore. 97071

324th Serv Sqdn—(Sept) Albert Hicks, 5945 Hines Circle, Lynchburg, Va. 24502

343rd Ftr Sqdn (WW2)—(Sept) R. Pinson, 721 Cypress Dr., Surfside Beach, SC 29577

454th Bomb Sqdn (M)—(Sept) Charles Jarrett, Rte 13, Box 460, Salisbury, N.C. 28144

1255th Air Trans Cmd (Atar, Mauritania, W. Africa)—(Sept) Herbert Marteney, Sr., Du Bois, Neb. 68345

Airlift—(Sept) Earl Schmeling, P.O. Box 1176, Jacksonville, Ar. 72076

Glider Pilots (WW2)—(Sept) Tipton Randolph, 136 W. Main St., Freehold, NJ

Stearman Fly-In—(Sept) Ted McCullough, 1215 Monroe St., Galesburg, Ill. 61401

MISCELLANEOUS

Mount Vernon (WW2)—(Sept) Alfred Woodward, 5411 E. 87th St., Kansas City, Mo.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by his Post is a testimonial by those who know him best that he has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States or Departments.

Thomas G. Barnhill (1975) Post 26, Anns-ton, Ala.

Home, M. Ball (1968), L. Burr Belden (1967), Max Berman, H.M. Burek (both 1973) and Fred Bostwick (1967) Post 14, San Bernardino, Ca.

Francis W. Burnett (1975) Post 335, South Gate, Ca.

Camillo DeGregorio, Albert W. Fosdick, Henry W. Dickey, Clifford E. Gray and Kenneth H. Greely (all 1975) Post 564, Santa Clara, Ca.

Robert H. Brooks, Walter L. Hillyer, Melville Howard, Mario A. Mainati and William Pfanensmith (all 1975) Post 128, Niantic, Conn.

George F. Foster and John F. Beausang (both 1974) Post 30, New Castle, Del.

William Beardall (1975) Post 19, Orlando, Fla.

John Moldovan, Arthur R. Tiller and Helen S. Waite (all 1975) Post 222, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Emanuel Sferios (1974), Hugh H. Soper (1971) Alfred R. Strome (1974), James A. Wiggen (1973) and Frank F. Clifford (1969) Post 305, St. Petersburg Beach, Fla.

Pauline A. Brawer, Frances M. Creedeman and Lillian M. Gregory (all 1974) Post 308, West Hollywood, Fla.

Philip L. Hadley (1967), William J. Fron (1970), William J. Wiedow (1971), Raymond F. Bemke and Erwin R. Soukup (both 1972) Post 76, Wheaton, Ill.

William W. Harkness, Anthony F. Morello, Bernard J. Bialda, Alois E. Sheber and Howard J. Foster (all 1975) Post 80, Downers Grove, Ill.

Harold J. Amraut, Oscar H. Atkinson (both 1970), Elza R. Bacon, William F. Barr, Sr., and Fred H. Bartlett (all 1975) Post 155, Harvey, Ill.

J. Leonard Nelson, William A. Pyle, Cliff Steward, Oliver Strandberg (all 1975) Post 390, Altona, Ill.

Dwight J. Wiersema (1974) Post 402, Fulton, Ill.

W. Philip Young and Charles H. Stotz (both 1975) Post 1941, La Grange, Ill.

John W. Johnston (1975) Post 148, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Adolph G. Rometsch, Paul A. Citro (Deceased), William O. Greeves, Gilbert H. Miller (all 1973) and Harry E. Knuffman (1974) Post 20, Baltimore, Md.

John F. Hale (1975) Post 200, Hamstead, Md.

George L. Dunham, Augustus S. DeMoranville, Clifford S. Bernier, Herman H. Fuller, and Norman Guidoboni (all 1975) Post 64, Middleboro, Mass.

Gabriel Martinsen (1973), Stanley Horton (1966), Robert Quackenbush (1975), David Rigozzi (1973) and James Melarty (1973) Post 160, Bangor, Mich.

Lloyd Drensen and Arthur Horton (both 1975) Post 6, Pipestone, Minn.

Howard R. Hillman (1975) Post 16, Sedalia, Mo.

Francis M. Smith (1973) Post 46, Butler, Mo.

Clarence D. Tichenor (1969) Post 122, Ophelm, Mont.

Joseph Butler, Samuel A. French, Carl M. Frappolli, Harold R. Hirschblond and Francis A. Kappel (all 1975) Post 11, Mount Holly, N.J.

Harold D. Buckley (1963), Harry Hammond (1972), Sidney R. Milburn (1963), Edw. J. Nessim, Sr. (1962) and Edw. Simmons (1967) Post 174, Wayne, N.J.

David M. Anderson (1975) Post 118, Rio Rancho, N.M.

Frank Freleigh, August Dusseux, Vahan Dukemeflan, Ralph W. Darling and Irving R. Addis (all 1974) Post 417, Setauket, N.Y.

George J. Butman, Earl J. McGuirk (both no dates), Winthrop P. Robinson and Joseph V. VonRonne (both 1975) Post 1040, Delmar, N.Y.

Walter Schwarzer (1975) Post 1122, Yonkers, N.Y.

Harry Lieberman (1975) Post 1323, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Liston Grider (1968), Melvin Peterson, L.F. Ritterman and A.N. Sebelius (all 1973) Post 268, York, N.D.

George Lemley (1975) and Franklin A. Schlantz (1974) Post 77, Neffs, Ohio

Fred H. Koch (1969), Harold W. Burdick, Henry F. Makruski, Jr. (both 1970) and Lawrence E. Holm (1975) Post 197, So. Amherst, Ohio

Lyle L. Frederick, Sr., Floyd Richert, Ernest Falb, Luman P. Cranz and Walter Carlson (all 1975) Post 473, Copley, Ohio

Ted A. Brice, Verne E. Brice, Leonard B. Brown, William F. Caldwell and Carl S. Carlson (all 1975) Post 101, Portland, Ore.

Philip Weidner (1975) Post 395, Kingston, Pa.

Kenneth Olson, Arthur Masterson (both 1975) Post 15, Greenwich, R.I.

Ernest W. Stavely, Wiley Barnes, Jr., Alfred E. Boone, Preston Cook and Samuel D. Dillon (all 1974) Post 54, Erin, Tenn.

Charles R. Bice and Malcolm R. Bice (both 1975) Post 148, Elmo, Tenn.

Wade J. David, E. Alvin Lyle, August D. Meyer, Manuel Selgel and Victor F. Soupup (all 1975) Post 17, Richmond, Va.

William Bartlett (1972) Post 46, Benwood, W. Va.

Emmitt Williams (1975) Post 455, Milwaukee, Wis.

Life Memberships are accepted for publication only on an official form, which we provide. Reports received only from Commander, Adjutant or Finance Officer of Post which awarded the life membership.

They may get form by sending stamped, self-addressed return envelope to:

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On a corner of the return envelope write the number of names you wish to report. No written letter necessary to get forms.

SPOTLIGHT ON INDONESIA

ing labor force was cut to a tenth of what it had been. By Western standards, this was great progress. But it put millions of farm hands out of work, to flock to the cities—where there was no work for which they could qualify.

The Suharto government made real strides in its efforts to get heavy industry going and start developing more of the natural resources. In raw figures, a lot has been accomplished. The trouble is that the start was from close to zero. Ten years simply isn't enough.

In 1966, the new government set out to exploit the natural wealth and mineral resources, and build an industrial base, leaning heavily on Western and Japanese investment and technology. By 1974, European, American and Japanese firms had pledged \$3.6 billion of investment, not counting oil development, for which figures aren't available. Until recently, this effort had broad popular support.

Today, Indonesia's Gross National Product is \$20 billion, which is robust by the standards of developing nations. The country has roughly another \$20 billion worth of major projects underway (and all eager for foreign money) in various stages of planning and development.

These projects propose to put billions into development of liquified natural gas; nickel mining; steel works; fertilizer production; making of chemicals derived from petroleum; further exploration, development and refining of petroleum; coal mining; bauxite mining and the refining of aluminum from it, and electric power production. What could be the world's biggest copper mine is being developed by Freeport Sulfur on New Guinea. Two prospective nickel mines on Celebes and Gay Island are said to be "spectacular."

But except for oil, few of these activities are yet producing new wealth, they are still absorbing it.

Indonesia is one of many developing nations to struggle with the near impossibility of instant industrialization.

You can throw up all the big factories, mining facilities, mills, refineries, smelters, etc. that you can borrow money to build. But the rewards must await development of an enormous "infrastructure" of lesser things, which develop naturally in a nation whose industrialization evolves instead of being forced.

Roads, railroads, pipelines, powerlines, harbors, communications, re-

lated services, marketing outlets must come into being—all integrated to serve the particular needs of the bigger, more visible installations in the most economical fashion.

Such things take time, and perhaps as much or more capital as the main plants.

Developing the most economical transportation of materials from their raw state to finished products, ready for market, poses a particularly difficult problem in a land where the best sites for various phases of the same industry may be hundreds of water miles apart.

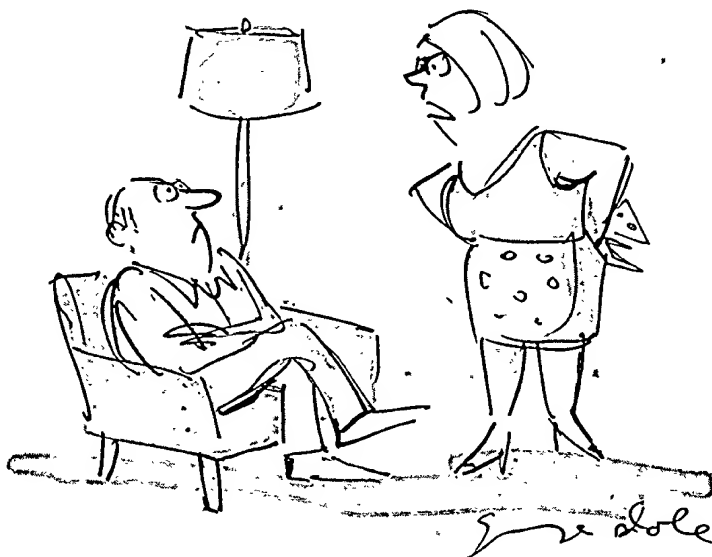
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bor and railroad facilities are also needed for the mill. Thus the jobs it will eventually make are still well in the future.

The need for all the lesser facilities has swelled the capital cost of industrialization far beyond the cost of the main facilities, and created financial difficulties that were not wholly anticipated.

Meanwhile, the political impact of the long delay in realizing the ultimate rewards of the industrial effort now endanger the strength and stability of Suharto's government, and hence the national security.

Though economic growth is now at



"Kissinger makes concessions, Brezhnev makes concessions—why can't you make concessions?"

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miles of the Asahan River in northern Sumatra, a fine source of power for an aluminum refining smelter. With Japanese help, a dam, a hydroelectric plant and an alumina smelter are being built there to the tune of \$500 million.

But the original bauxite ore will go through the first refining step into alumina ingots on western Borneo, which is more centrally located in relation to ore deposits. The ingots will then have to be shipped to Sumatra for the final refining near the best power source. Nearer power sources sufficient for the purpose are not yet in existence. The process is costly, time-consuming and complex, but the 1,500 mile separation is typical of many Indonesian economic developments.

A steel mill is under construction in Chilligan in West Java, to be fired with natural gas. The gas pipeline is not yet built, while new har-

a healthy annual rate of 9%, less and less of the national wealth is available to the population in general during the investment and building process. The billions from the sale of Indonesia's oil have been absorbed in good part by the heavy industrial projects. To that extent they have failed to help ease the immediate wants of the population. The great unemployment among former farm workers, coupled with envy of the rising prosperity of those whom the new developments have benefited, has seen the early mass enthusiasm for Suharto's program switch to a growing discontent. In the last two years it has erupted in the first large scale protest and violence since the end of the Sukarno regime.

The fact is that the social structure is coming apart under the impact of new technology. Cities have

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bulged and buckled under the influx of landless peasants with no skills and no jobs on which to learn them. Jakarta, the capital, was a sleepy city of less than 500,000 when WW2 ended. Today, its population is nearly five million, and would have been a million higher now had the government not declared it a "closed city" in 1970—cutting the flow of peasants from 200,000 a year to 16,000.

Inflation became devastating in the 1970's, reaching the 50% rate for a while last year before "stabilizing" at 30%. The government hopes to hold the rate to 18% this year. Unemployment is in the 30% to 40% range. Prospects for reducing it soon are bleak, given the steady growth of the population.

Jakarta symbolizes the contrasts. It is a bustling city of affluence surrounded by misery. Glass and concrete office buildings soar up to 30 stories high. Streets are jammed with Fiats, Datsuns and Hondas. TV sets, air conditioners and other appliances are available in stores. A quarter of Indonesia's cars run in Jakarta, the city has 30% of the nation's phones and 60% of all currency in circulation. Yet there are probably less than half a million people who are so "rich" that they earn \$50 a week or more. For all the 600-odd new industries that have been launched by foreign, private and government efforts in recent years at a cost of nearly \$1 billion, they probably did not add more than 156,000 new jobs—a drop in the bucket of the unemployed.

The first people who made money off of the new boom were the "overseas" Chinese. With their expertise in commerce, they were the closest things to business associates for the Westerners moving in to develop the raw nation. They got along well with the Japanese and the Americans, but much less well with the native Indonesians.

In the late summer of 1973, a car driven by a Chinese knocked over an Indonesian pedicab in Bandung. All the pent-up hostility against the more prosperous Chinese erupted at once. The unemployed went on a riot of looting Chinese shops. The Suharto government ignored the signal, blaming the disturbance on a plot, probably communist. But after a more serious riot shook Jakarta in January 1974, the message could no longer be ignored.

It was triggered by a visit of then Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka. Students had been demon-

strating for two months against government corruption, high unemployment and foreign domination of the economy. Tanaka symbolized the latter, and student protest focussed on him. First, 150 students carrying anti-Tanaka posters overturned Japanese-built cars and slashed their tires. Soon thousands of jobless peasants took to the streets, making Tanaka a virtual prisoner in the presidential palace during his stay.

At the riot's height, more than 100,000 people stormed through the city. They ignored American and European things, but burned Japa-



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nese cars at curbside and crashed into the Astra Toyota agency, where they destroyed the entire stock of automobiles. Chinese-owned shops were sacked and looted, Japanese-made goods were smashed. A huge mob surged toward the President Hotel, a popular hostel for visiting Japanese businessmen. Guests watched fearfully from their windows as riot police hurled back wave after human wave. The riots lasted for two days and left only ten dead, largely because troops refused to fire into the mobs.

As the post-mortems began, the government realized the rioters had made a number of points it would have to confront. The Japanese "commercial invasion" had been a target, but only one of many. Indonesians resented the Chinese, their own luxury-loving generals, and widespread government corruption
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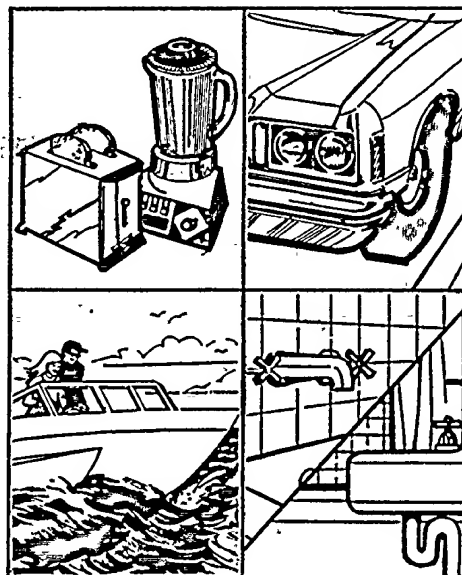
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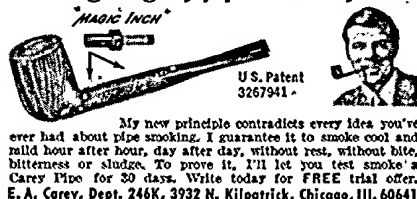
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just as much, if not more. They were fed up with foreign aid and investment because the money went into long range investments that created few jobs for the many and wealth for a small elite. The man in the street found Japanese businessmen rude and arrogant. "Do they really have to have their own Japanese barber shops in Jakarta?" one disgruntled official asked.

Indonesians were maddened by the ostentatious luxury of some of their own leaders—generals who tore around Jakarta in Rolls Royces, or the wedding one of them arranged that lasted for two weeks and featured dance bands imported at great cost from Europe.

Suharto and his ministers decided on a two-pronged approach to the new situation. One was clearly repressive. Some newspapers were closed down. Students were jailed, so were some "intellectuals" for alleged connection with the riots. A senior general was fired because he attempted to set up a "dialogue" with the students.

The second prong attempted to implement administrative and economic reforms that would go some way, at least, toward satisfying the demands of the discontented. The military were told to stop all ostentatious luxury. Generals who bought into local business or acted as brokers for foreign interests, mainly Japanese, were told to sell out. The government rewrote its "five year plan" to refocus it on improving the lot of the rural poor. New stress was put on industries that might provide immediate jobs.

At the same time, the government set out to provide special credits for native Indonesian enterprises and to restrict new foreign small business investment to joint ventures with non-Chinese Indonesians. Unhappily, there are still too few Indonesians who have the know-how to go in business as full partners.

The major question for the last year-and-a-half has been whether the new approach has struck the right balance to permit the Suharto government to build a stable, workable political system.

The 1973 and 1974 riots made one thing clear. The government does not have as much time as it thought to stabilize the nation and deal with its problems. The fall of Vietnam may have reduced that time span even more.

Suharto remains worried about a resurgence of the PKI. The kinds of

problems Indonesia faces are tailor-made for communist agitators, especially agitators flushed with a victory over "imperialism" in Indo-China.

The recent riots had none of the communist stamp. They were a response to real problems, and picked on Japanese and Chinese to the exclusion of American and Western European "imperialists." But the grievances are ready-made for red manipulation. A handful of the old PKI still lives in Red China, and Peking has sent it "fraternal greetings," including the message that while the Indonesian "revolution"



"I don't want a lot of loud and abusive talk out of your poker friends tonight. . . . My African Violet is about to become a mother."

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has suffered temporary setbacks, it will triumph in the end.

Civilian leaders in Indonesia know that they cannot defend themselves alone against Red China, nor even against an overt attack on them by North Vietnam.

They like to think of forming a Southeast Asian Alliance that would include Hanoi, for mutual protection against China. Albeit Hanoi is communist, she doesn't love Red China any more than Red China loves the Soviet Union.

The Indonesian army looks on this as a proposal to invite the fox into the chicken coop, and favors a more hostile attitude toward North Vietnam.

None of the alternatives are very attractive. What Indonesia needs most of all is more time to gather her own internal strength. How much time she will get, and how much she will need, is the big question in more capitals than Jakarta.

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THOSE MAGNIFICENT CLIPPER FLYING BOATS

roomy berths more than six feet long."

Pressurized cabins were still things of the future. Chewing gum was handed out to help passengers' ears pop as the planes gained altitude. The flying boats got along splendidly with simple vents that "automatically cleaned and heat-regulated" the air at their cruising altitudes, "a boon for the asthmatic and the easily chilled." And the bathrooms . . . well, they weren't mere one-holers but real bathrooms, Ladies and Gents, with king-size lavatories, dressing tables, full-length mirrors, and hot and cold running water.

Indeed, the interiors of the Clippers were in the grand manner of the *Ile de France* and *Mauretania* ocean liners—bars and lounges, club chairs and smoking stands, promenade walkways, drapes and carpets and polished hardwood paneling. The sea-going heritage even shaped the language of aviation. Floors became decks. Walls were bulkheads. Bells marked the time. A captain commanded the plane, assisted by a first officer and crew members—the radio operator, flight engineer, a navigator and stewards. There was "aft" and "forward" for rear and front. Seats were port and starboard. The planes made knots instead of miles per hour. The fabled word "clipper" was a natural in this world of part ship, part plane.

"If you liked to dream big, you could imagine yourself relaxing in the de luxe compartment or bridal suite, as the press called it, furnished with a loveseat, an occasional chair, a combination dressing table and writing desk, a private washstand and mirrors," one old traveler remembers fondly. The Boeing Clippers also boasted drinking fountains on the passenger deck and catwalks through the massive wings that allowed the engineer to inspect and service the engines in flight.

The Hotel New Yorker catered the food for the Atlantic run, which a steward took from the on-board refrigerator and prepared on electric stoves in the galley. But he didn't serve it on individual plastic trays, pitched about like latter-day Frisbees. In that more civilized era, passengers had their meals in courses in a dining salon. They ate from china with silverware at tables covered with starched white linen and always a vase of fresh flowers at one end. An inveterate traveler still remembers a typical menu: highballs before dinner, followed by shrimp cocktail, turtle soup, filet mignon

with asparagus hollandaise and several other fresh vegetables, alligator pear salad and petit fours for dessert. Only one thing sounds familiar. Then, as now, he had a choice of coffee, tea or milk.

"Dinner finished," a *Literary Digest* reporter said, "the passengers amuse themselves as comfortably as if they were passing the evening in some cloud-scraped penthouse. They enjoy brandy, play gin rummy, chess, bridge, do crossword puzzles, read." Another traveler recalls his flight. "There is a heavy slap-slap of waves on the bottom of the ship as it begins to take off. The windows are blotted out with green-white sheets of water and suddenly the plane is up. Slowly the angry, urgent roar of the engines changes to a deep, contented thrum-thrum-thrum. There are always innumerable meals being served: coffee and sugar buns on the dawn takeoffs, fruit and sandwiches at 9, hotdogs or soup at 11. A mammoth buffet luncheon is served between 12 and 3. We had a great dinner and then played cards until we got tired. Then we undressed in our own compartments and climbed into the beds—not bunks, *beds*—and slept all night. It was the most luxurious airplane flight I ever went on."

It was too good to last—and it didn't.

On Clipper Flight No. M-29, between the Azores and Lisbon on September 3, 1939, the radio operator received a message from the Pan Am terminal in Portugal: "Chamberlain announced that state of war exists between England and Germany."

Pan Am promptly refused to sell tickets "to anyone connected with the armed forces of belligerent nations" and painted large American flags on the bows and undersides of the Clippers to identify them as neutral aircraft over European waters.

In November, shortly after inspectors at Port Washington began searching all baggage for contraband of war, Congress passed the Neutrality Act. This placed Ireland within the combat zone—and out of bounds for U. S. ships and aircraft. The Clippers had to fly the Southern route exclusively to neutral Portugal, where Lisbon quickly became the aerial escape hatch for Europe. Overnight, the frightened rich and the homeless poor alike flocked to Pan Am ticket counters with their life savings, fighting to book space to America. As one man said, "The clippers meant freedom, and countless refugees prayed and hoped their

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names would be on the next confirmed passenger list." Pan Am upped its schedule to four flights a week, but the waiting lists grew ominously longer when the Nazis took over most of Western Europe in 1940.

Priority now went to war technicians, diplomatic couriers, military officials and foreign correspondents. "There have been some strange passenger lists," an observer remarked. "For instance, a number of Frenchmen and a contingent of German sailors glowering at one another on the same plane from Horta, but making no trouble. At the end of the run the Frenchmen tipped the stewards; the Germans lined up in formation on the ramp dock and rewarded their caretakers with the Nazi salute."

All of which led *Life* to note that "since last September, the Clippers have been the best international club in the world. Dues are high (\$395 one way) and there is excellent conversation in three or four languages, but the only scary thing about a Clipper trip, for an American, is the sensation of going aboard in New York, floating in the sky for a bare 23 hours and stepping out on a continent flaming with war."

The war did seem remote from the air. About the only glimpse of it was an occasional sighting of long, destroyer-flanked convoys steaming for England with lend-lease material. In fact, a steward wrote, "upper-class British women still sniff upon discovering that there is no stewardess aboard to lay out their evening clothes for dinner. They dress for dinner any way, and so do their consorts, as they would if the *Queen Mary* were going anywhere these days."

Some Americans were equally oblivious that time was running out. One man wanted to fly his favorite race horse back from Paris. A Long Island sportsman and 14 friends were willing to ante up \$5,000 apiece to fly to Montevideo; Uruguay, for a bird's-eye view of war at sea when the German pocket battleship, *Graf Spee*, was expected to try to break through a blockade of British warships. Pan Am turned down both requests. Other people with money simply headed for the Pacific, where the air hotels on Midway, Wake and Guam proved to be popular resorts for an extended vacation. Then time ran out there, too, and all romance vanished abruptly from travel.

On Dec. 7, 1941, the *Anzac Clipper*

was one hour out of Honolulu on a flight to Singapore when Capt. Lanier Turner received a coded message ordering him to change course. He landed at Hilo, about 200 miles south-east of Honolulu, and learned the reason for the turnaround. Pearl Harbor was under attack.

Earlier that day, the *Philippine Clipper* was moored at Wake when Japanese ships attacked the island. She took a few bullets in her hull, and when the quick raid was over she

the military as surely as any draftee.

The Clippers performed yeoman's service during the war years, making hundreds of urgent flights. They rushed blood plasma and bullets to the fighting fronts and returned home with full loads of wounded, and vital, rare raw materials—crude rubber, beryllium, mica—for war plants. One special flight delivered desperately needed tank parts and ammunition to the British in Egypt just in time for the Battle of El Alamein, the first major defeat of the "Desert Fox," German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel. Another Clipper took



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scooped up an overload of Pan Am personnel and headed for Midway—to find that it had been shelled earlier. She refueled and flew on to Hawaii to find Pearl Harbor still burning.

The *Pacific Clipper*, outward bound from San Francisco to Auckland, New Zealand, got the word to fly home on a long detour—to New York via Australia, India, Africa and across the South Atlantic to Brazil before heading north once more. The 34,500-mile trek was the longest flight yet by a commercial airliner, but aviation records no longer made the news.

Pan Am had nine of the Boeing flying boats on its Pacific and Atlantic runs when the United States went to war and Sec'y of War Henry Stimson requisitioned all commercial aircraft for military service. (Boeing had built 12, but the British bought three in early 1941 for military passenger service between England and Baltimore.) Some of ours went to the USAAF as C-98s, some to the Navy as B-314s. Pan Am crews continued to fly them, but the once-glistening silver boats were now a dull wartime gray and belonged to

FDR to and from the Casablanca Conference in Morocco in 1943, the first over-ocean air flight for an American President. But the Army's new landplane, the C-54 (the DC-4 in laymen's jargon), soon came along with its greater speed and stole much of the war loads away from the flying boats. Relegated to second place, the Clippers did odd jobs. One brought back a captured Nazi 88-mm. anti-tank cannon from Africa for ballistics analysis. Their long cruising range often made it possible to avoid hazardous areas and enemy attacks by merely flying the long way around, if speed was not of the essence.

Still, the big boats had racked up an enviable record when V-J Day brought peace again. Not one was destroyed or damaged in combat, though several were lost in mishaps. The *Yankee Clipper* crashed and sank after digging its port wingtip into the water while landing at Lisbon in February 1943. Twenty-four USO performers died in the disaster. For severely injured singing star, Jane Froman, there followed an epic

struggle to rebuild her career. That flight was the *Yankee Clipper's* 241st transatlantic crossing. In the Pacific, the *Honolulu Clipper* crushed her bow and tore off a wing during an emergency landing when two motors failed. The Navy flattop, *Manila Bay*, rescued the crew and passengers, but it took 1,300 rounds of 20-mm. shells to sink the floating derelict.

In 1943, the *Philippine Clipper* rammed into a hill in California while making a landing approach in dense fog. All aboard were lost, including the Navy's top submarine staff in the Pacific.

Pan Am got back the remaining Clippers at war's end. But with war-inspired development of fast landplanes and surplus airfields all over the world, the day of the B-314—and of all flying boats—was drawing to a close. The *Capetown Clipper* made the last Atlantic crossing in December 1945. The last Clipper flight of all terminated in San Francisco on Apr. 8, 1946, when the *Pacific Clipper* splashed down from Honolulu. Few noticed or cared. A spanking new landplane, the L-49 Constellation, had landed only a few hours before from Honolulu.

Later efforts to retrieve the Clippers' former glory with ever larger flying boats hardly made a ripple. Howard Hughes built his all-plywood "Spruce Goose," an eight-engine monster with a wingspan of 320 feet. It made one brief test flight, then was mothballed. The British actually launched three superboats called the "Princess," each with ten engines and two passenger decks, but they never saw commercial service. Time had just moved too fast.

Like hand-me-downs, the once-proud Clippers passed to the non-sked airlines. Two were cannibalized for spare parts, one crashed and sank on a flight to Bermuda, the rest were used on Caribbean junkets until 1949. By then, no one really wanted the slow, costly boats. A junk dealer broke up all but one for scrap. A "Mister X" got the other and moored it in Baltimore harbor, planning to fly it to Russia on some mysterious peace mission. A rampaging coastal storm hit before he figured out all the details of his forthcoming talks with Stalin and the last Clipper sank with a hole knocked in her hull.

It was all over.

The land-based Boeing Strato-cruiser—the commercial version of the B-29 bomber—tried vainly for a time to recapture the romance of the inner luxury of the stately "flying hotels" of aviation's grand era. It

almost succeeded. The Strat, according to one air buff, had "a wondrous spaciousness that its cluttered wartime configuration of tight squeezes and bomb-bay tunnels had effectively concealed." There were curtained portholes, berths and a downstairs bar complete with a white-coated bartender and "a long, curving divan that held 12 or 14 martini fanciers comfortably." Some people claim the Strat was probably the last lovable airplane. Maybe so. But she lumbered along and getting there was no longer fun or even half the fun. The traveling public only wanted to get there—the sooner, the better.

When jets made flights so much shorter in time, crowding and discomfort were more acceptable as a price to pay for quicker trips. The trouble, as one old-timer has said, is that the jet "is the airborne equivalent of the subway to Coney Island—a utility, not an institution; unloved yet tolerated for the destinations it serves."

Clare Boothe Luce predicted as much. "Fifty years from now," she wrote in 1941, "people will look back on a Clipper flight as the most romantic voyage in history." And she's right. A Clipper had a personality of its own; it had a certain style. None of today's big jets with their physical sameness and efficiency have it. For its time, the Clipper was an elegant operation, a kind of combination airplane, cruise ship, hotel and restaurant. It was the great tradition of Pullman service carried to the airborne ultimate, a wonderful bird—at home in the air or on the water.


Above all, the Clipper had romantic appeal. Watching one of those magnificent flying boats take off or land in a newsreel set the heart pounding. It was impossible to believe that a Clipper flight was not always filled with excitement and intrigue. Perhaps that's why so many Hollywood films were set on board the Clipper flights.

In any event, they swept away forever the forbidding barriers of time and space. If some of us sorely miss the great silver birds today, "it's not because they were luxurious," says veteran air traveler Allen Dodd, "but because they belonged to a time, before in-flight movies, when airplanes had their own, built-in excitement.

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ED NOTE: Readers who may be interested in the story of seaplanes large and small all over the world from their beginning are referred to Edward Jablonski's 259-page book, "Sea Wings, the Romance of the Flying Boats," published by Doubleday in 1972.

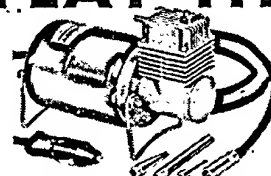
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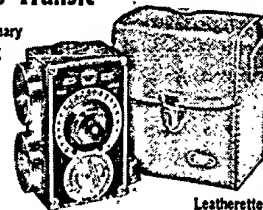
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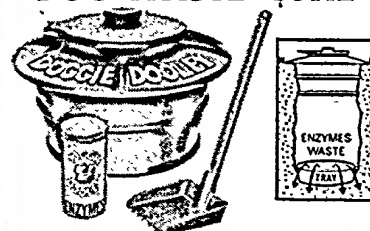
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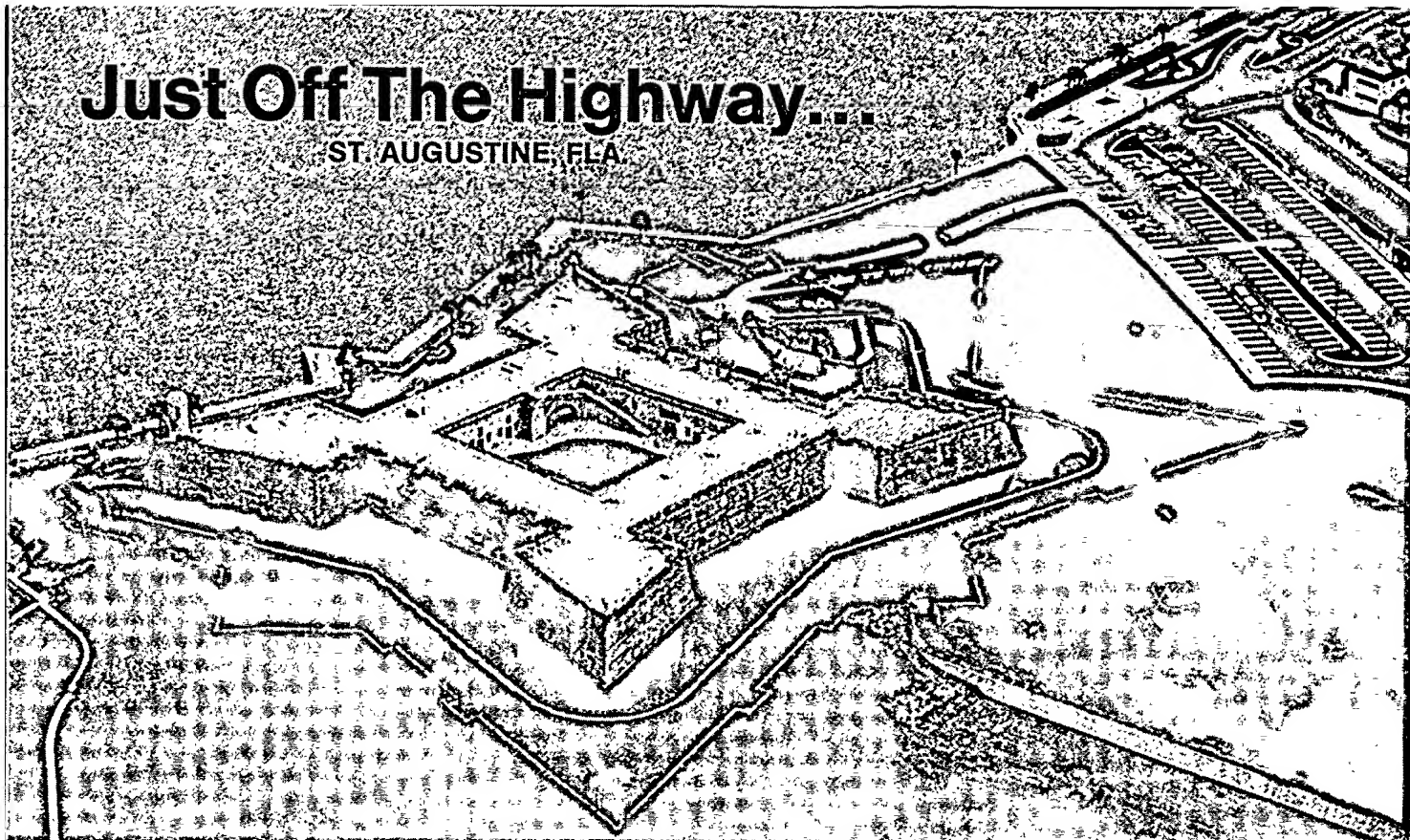
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Aerial view of the ancient Spanish fortress, just eight miles off Interstate 95 in Florida.

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By HARRIET HEDGECOTH

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MANY PEOPLE who zoom up and down Interstate 95 in Florida most certainly take time off to roam the old Spanish fort in St. Augustine. Just as certainly, hundreds of thousands do not. I-95 is the main east coast Interstate route between Miami and Maine.

The St. Augustine fort is the closest thing to a perfectly preserved medieval structure in the United States, and it lies just eight miles off what must be the beaten track of millions of people. When Jacksonville is well behind you, if you are headed south, you turn off of I-95 on to Florida route 16. The way takes you through downtown St. Augustine, which is the oldest city (1565) in the United States. This is no great problem, for there are only a few blocks of downtown traffic, and signs lead you all the way to the waterfront, where the great, star-shaped Fortress of Castillo de San Marco commands Matanzas Bay.

Visitors may prowl all through the old fortress, and almost feel the presence of the original users, as they explore cruel old dungeons, officers quarters, a bake shop and the old courtyard with its deep well—or climb to the top and look out from the gun emplacements of Conquistadors of three centuries ago.

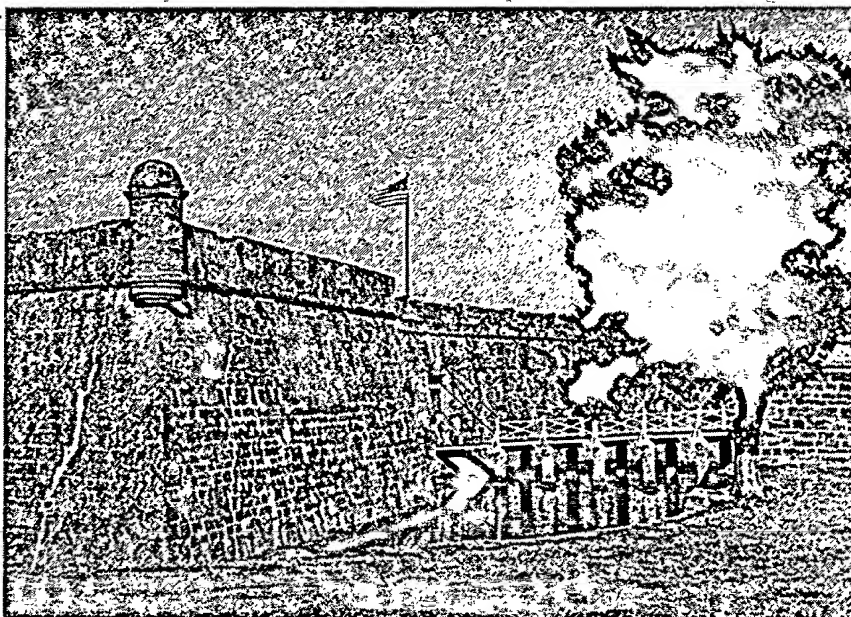
Starting in 1672, forced Indian labor built the 30-foot-high walls and

made them 12 feet thick, using masonry heavily embedded with local coquina seashells.

The Castillo is now a national monument. Parking, even with trailers, is easy and close to the fort. Admission is 50¢ for adults, free for children under 15.

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HOME-BUYING "EXTRAS" EXPLAINED. HEALTH CARE CHECKOUT. WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN MOVING.

Those mysterious—and often expensive—extra charges that buyers incur when purchasing a home will have to be fully disclosed hereafter.

Lenders now must give mortgage applicants a government booklet explaining settlement costs, and they must itemize such charges in detail.

In case you didn't know, about a dozen special fees crop up when you buy a home. Among them: Appraisal fee; credit report; lender's inspection fee; mortgage insurance application fee; cost of processing documents (called "loan originator fee"); mortgage "points;" insurance; title search; taxes; survey; recording fee, and—possibly—a refinancing fee.

If you're smart, says the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, you can save yourself some headaches and money all around if you get complete answers to these questions about your prospective purchase:

1. **What's in the contract?** Does it specify method of paying, time set for move-in, and status of fixtures or personal property in the house? Don't sign anything before understanding every word.

2. **What about title insurance?** Does it protect the lender or the buyer? If it protects only the lender, you may want your own, too. Furthermore, find out if you really need a full search "back to the year one." Ask about "reissue" rates if a search has been made recently.

3. **Does the property need a brand new survey?** An "update" may be sufficient.

4. **Is the lender or real estate agent overly anxious to recommend title companies, surveyors, etc.?** If so, be suspicious of kickbacks (although they're illegal). Remember, kickbacks eventually come out of your pocket.

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With medical discoveries, costs and turmoil over malpractice insurance in the news, this may be a good time to review the following:

MEDICAL INSURANCE: Basically, three types of policies are available:

1. **Limited payment of hospital, surgery and maternity expenses**, called "basic protection."

2. **Major medical coverage**, which takes care of extended illnesses or even catastrophes (incidentally, "major medical" can be combined with "basic protection" into a single "comprehensive major medical" policy).

3. **Disability income insurance** for money when other sources dry up.

Your employer or insurance agent can explain your options if you're uncertain. You also can get the free booklet "What You Should Know About Health Insurance" from the Health Insurance Institute, Dept. FE, 277 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.

DRUGS: Keep a record of any drugs prescribed for you. That's so you won't run the risk of taking bad, or even lethal, mixtures. For example: Nose drops can nullify blood-pressure pills; barbiturates and antidepressants are evil companions, and barbiturates and alcohol can be fatal.

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If you're having your household goods moved from one point to another, here are some statistics from the Interstate Commerce Commission (based on the 1974 performance of the 20 largest long-distance movers):

About 16% of shipments result in claims of \$50 or more for loss or damage; but 99 times out of 100 they're settled out-of-court within 40 days. In 23% of the cases, the mover overestimates charges by 10% or more; almost the same number of times he underestimates. In 7% of the moves, the transportation company picks up goods later than specified in the order of service; and about 20% of the deliveries are late by a day or more. In short, be flexible (always let the mover know your whereabouts so he can contact you).

Two more points worth remembering when moving:

1. **Ask mover for money-saving tips.**

2. **Notify everyone in your address book** (including charge accounts, magazines, etc.).

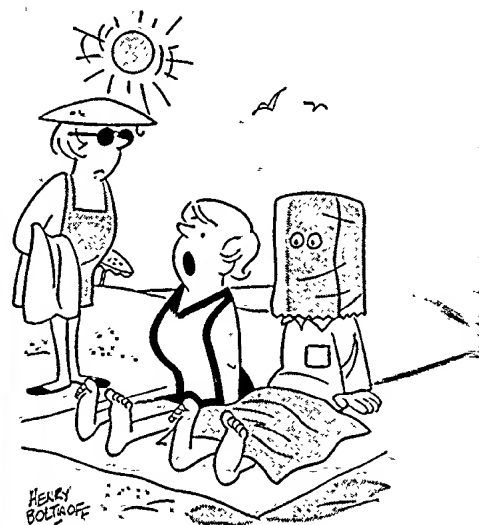
By Edgar A. Grunwald

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THE SURRENDER ABOARD THE U.S.S. MISSOURI —30 YEARS AGO.

Japanese armed forces and all armed forces under Japanese control wherever situated.

"We hereby command all Japanese forces wherever situated and the Japanese people to cease hostilities forthwith, to preserve and save from damage all ships, aircraft, and military and civil property and to comply with all requirements which may be imposed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers



"Oliver isn't much of a sunbather."

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or by agencies of the Japanese Government at his direction. . . .

"We hereby command all civil, military and naval officials to obey and enforce all proclamations, orders and directives [issued] by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers . . . and we direct all such officials to remain at their posts and to continue to perform their non-combatant duties unless specifically relieved by him or under his authority. . . .

"The authority of the Emperor and the Japanese Government to rule the state shall be subject to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, who will take such steps as he deems proper to effectuate these terms of surrender."

Twelve signatures were affixed to the document for the ten nations involved—Japan and nine nations at war with her. As two Japanese signed, so did two Americans—MacArthur as Supreme Commander

for the Allied Powers and Nimitz for the United States in particular. One person signed for each of the other allied nations.

MacArthur signed after Umezu. He called two witnesses to his side as he signed. One was General Jonathan M. (Skinny) Wainwright, hero of Bataan and Corregidor, who took over when MacArthur left the Philippines early in the war, and went into years of captivity with the fall of the Philippines in 1942. The other was British Lt. General Sir Arthur Ernest Percival, who was overwhelmed and taken prisoner at Singapore. MacArthur used five pens to sign. He gave one to Wainwright, one to Percival, one to West Point, one to the National Archives and kept one for Mrs. MacArthur. He left the two pens for West Point and the Archives on the table, and when Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser later signed for the United Kingdom he picked them up and gave them to two of his aides. MacArthur's Intelligence Officer, Major Gen. C.A. Willoughby, later got them back.

According to Col. H. Bennett Whipple, of MacArthur's headquarters, who had arranged the staging of the surrender, when Fraser took the pens someone muttered: "I see the British are still lend-leasing our equipment."

The name of each nation appeared on the document, and each individual was supposed to sign immediately above his country's name. Except for Fraser's pen act, until all but four had signed everything went without incident.

Following MacArthur, Admiral Nimitz tested his pen, stepped up and signed for the United States—calling on Admiral Halsey and Vice-Admiral Forrest C. Sherman to come with him as witnesses.

General Hsu Yung-chang then signed for China; Admiral Fraser signed for the United Kingdom; Lt. General Kuzma Nikolaevich Derevyanko signed for the Soviet Union, which had entered the war against Japan only in its closing days, and General Sir Thomas Blamey signed for Australia.

When Colonel L. Moore Cosgrove then signed for Canada, something odd happened. After he signed the Japanese copy, MacArthur leaned over and seemed to instruct him on how to sign the English copy. General Jacques LeClerc signed for France, Admiral C.E.L. Helfrich signed for the Netherlands and Isitt signed for New Zealand.

The Japanese copy was then given to Shigemitsu. He and his companions were seen to study it and

apparently register a complaint. After a brief huddle, Lt. General Richard K. Sutherland, MacArthur's chief of staff, was seen to do some hasty scratching on the Japanese document. That seemed to satisfy everyone.

What had happened was that in signing for Canada, Cosgrove had signed below instead of above the name of his country. MacArthur saw him do it and had him sign the English copy correctly. But the last three signers—LeClerc, Helfrich and Isitt—had no choice but to sign the Japanese copy below their countries' names, too. The Japanese protested that their copy was thus erroneous. Sutherland corrected it in ink, and initialed each of his corrections.

General MacArthur then said: "Let us pray that peace be now restored to the world and that God will preserve it always. These proceedings are now closed."

As rapidly as they could, launches and ships took all the visitors off of the *Missouri*. Within two hours of the opening of the ceremonies, they were all gone. That war was over for keeps and there was a world to rebuild.

Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur each promptly released a

public statement announcing the signing to their services, their countrymen and the world, and we quote from each below.

Said Nimitz:

"On board all naval vessels at sea and in port, and at our many island bases in the Pacific, there is rejoicing and thanksgiving. The long and bitter struggle . . . is at an end . . .

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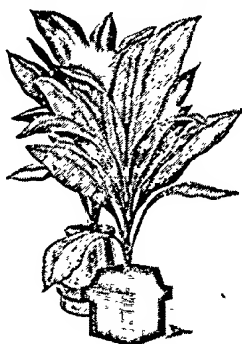
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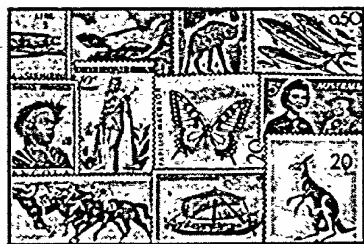


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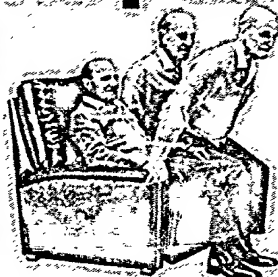
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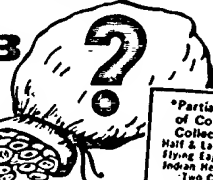
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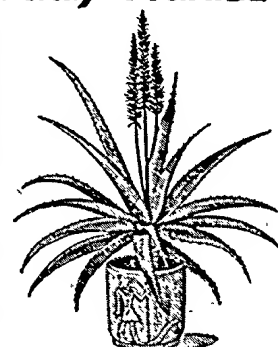
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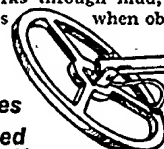
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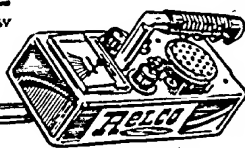
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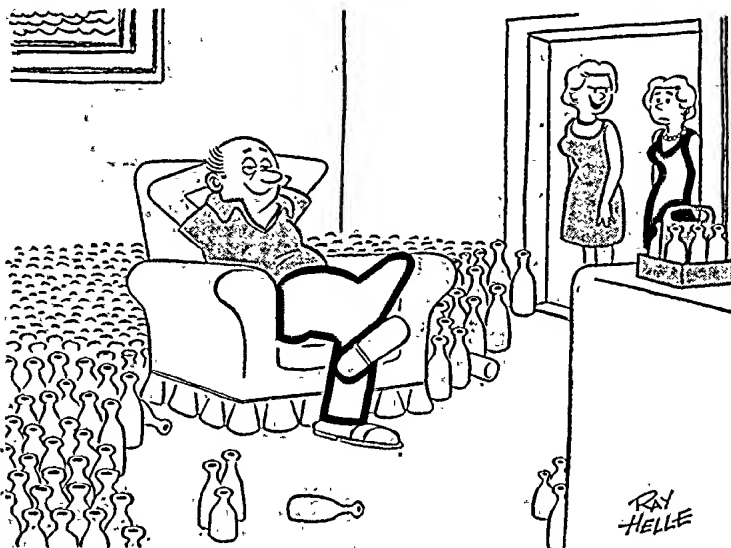


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There was a brief silence, then from the rear a voice cried out, "\$325!"

JOSEPH C. SALAK

YOUR NAME AIN'T COME UP YET

Willie was an easy mark for salesmen and had bought too many items on credit. His paycheck wasn't enough to meet all the payments and most of them were overdue. After numerous dunning letters a creditor made a personal visit to collect the money due.

"Willie, you haven't made a payment on your bill in six months."

"Yeah, I know, but your name ain't come up yet."

"Name hasn't come up? You got our notices didn't you?"

"Yeah, but your name ain't come up yet."

"What do you mean?"

"Mister, it's like this. I put all the guys names I owe money to into a hat. I shake the hat and pick out a name. And that's the one I pay. So far, your name ain't come up yet!"

STEVE BALTERS

BOTANY LESSON

A woman touring California for the first time saw a tree she didn't recognize. The guide told her it was a fig tree.

"Oh, that can't be a fig tree," the woman protested.

"Yes, ma'am," the guide said, "that's a fig tree."

"Well," she said, "I thought the leaves were much larger than that."

LANE OLINGHOUSE

MISSING LINK

Our son's going off to college;
Our daughter's getting wed;
I'm thinking of a summer place
(Or skiing lodge, instead);
My wife's out shopping for a gown
To wear at the company bash;
My family's very big on plans—
Now all we need's the cash.

ROBERT GORDON

AFTERTHOUGHT

It's a foregone conclusion that not enough foregone conclusions will be foregone.

S. S. BIDDLE

QUEEN-SIZED LAMENT

I'm queen-size, regal-size, and extra-size, too.

'Cause for the "full-figured girl," plain "large" would never do.

Some say I'm half-sized but half of what they're not quite sure.

Though I enjoy being "modern," "stylish," and "mature,"

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ROSALYN L. KATZ

FOOTNOTE

Any footwear salesman can tell you that if the shoe fits it's the wrong color!

JUNE BRADY

IS THIS WHERE I AM?

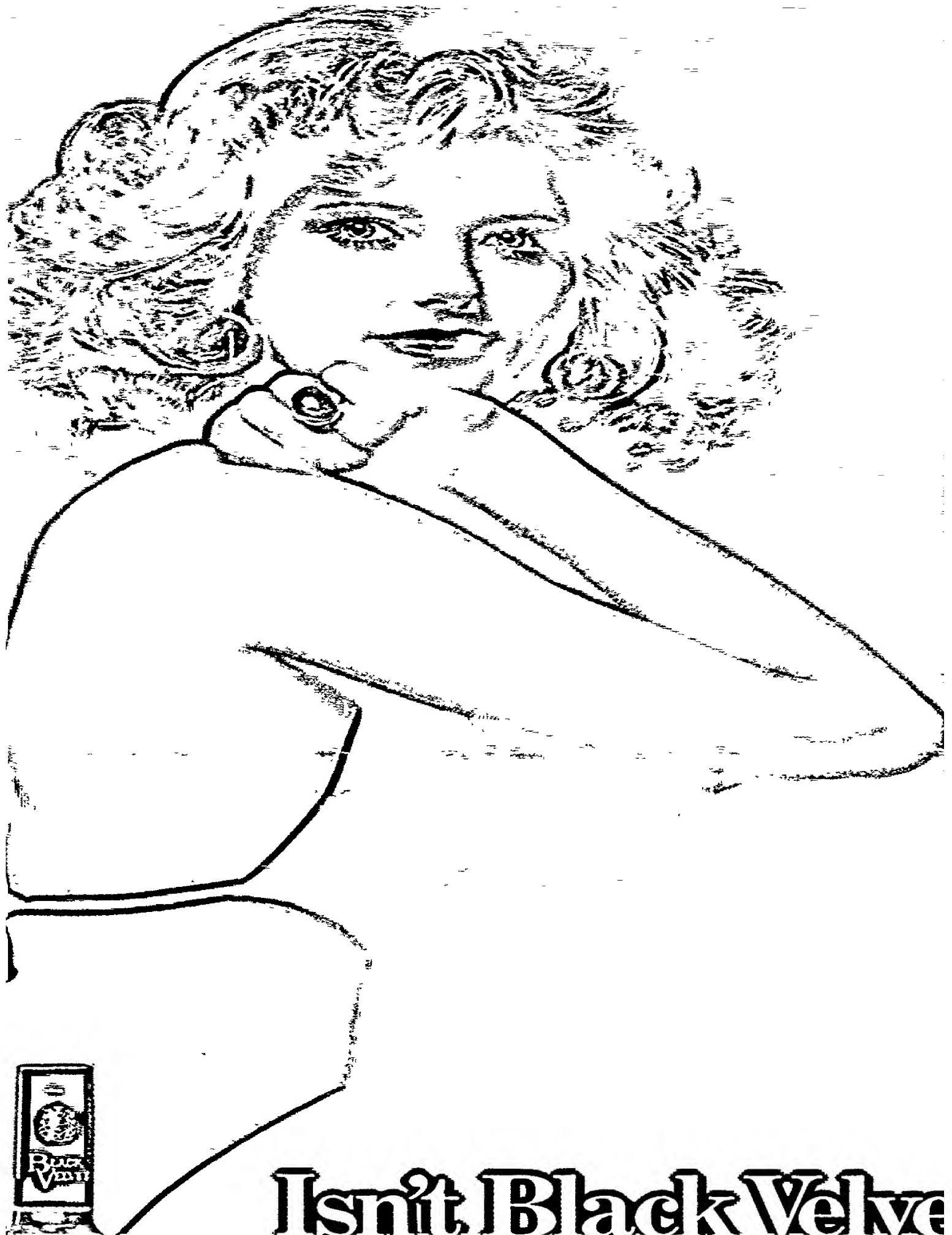
I hid myself to the postcard rack
(Where the eager vacationer buys them).
And send some scenes to my friends back home,
Though I don't recognize them!

RUTH BANE



"I got my mother trained. All I have to do is rattle the cookie jar to have her come runnin'."

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Honorable Harry G. Wiles
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Topeka, Kansas 66603

Dear Mr. Wiles:

On behalf of my associates in the FBI, I extend
heartiest congratulations to you on your election as
National Commander of The American Legion for the coming
year. This is certainly a great honor and I know you must
be pleased that your associates chose you to represent them
in this manner. If there is any way in which the FBI can
offer assistance consistent with our investigative respon-
sibilities, I hope you will not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley SEP 9 1975
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NOTE: See memo from H. A. Boynton, Jr., to Mr. Moore, dated
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Mr. Moore

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H. A. Boynton, Jr.

**THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, AUGUST 19-21, 1975**

SA Thomas B. Coll, External Affairs Division, with Bureau approval, attended captioned Convention in a liaison capacity. The following matters of interest are set forth:

NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

Coll was elected Secretary of this Commission which considered a total of 146 resolutions. One resolution commended the Director for his speech before the National Conference of Bar Presidents and the American Judicature Society. The resolved clauses stated that the American Legion supported the statements of FBI Director Kelley and called upon our citizens to lend full support to the investigative agencies of our country charged with national security responsibilities and encourage the United States Congress to give deep consideration to any actions which would tend to hamper these agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities to all citizens. The resolution also called for copies to be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Attorney General and Mr. Kelley. (copy attached). Five other resolutions were consolidated and approved reaffirming the American Legion's complete confidence in the capability, integrity and indispensable need for continued excellent service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency. Copies of the resolution were to be sent to those mentioned above and also to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency with a view to giving all possible aid and encouragement to the personnel of these agencies in carrying out their vital mission of protecting the security of the United States, particularly in this state of world history which reflects the spread of communism and subversion of freedom (copy attached).

Other resolutions of interest called upon the Congress to restore the House Internal Security Committee, the opposition of the use of public

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funds to promote and encourage the study of communism, the employment of illegal aliens, voluntary prayer in public schools and drug abuse. Considerable discussion was also had concerning the censuring of [redacted] however, this resolution was rejected as experience has proven that naming names combined with censure has defeated the intent of the resolution and that it is also unwise to resurrect a dead issue. A resolution was also adopted urging that the Subcommittee on Internal Security of the United States Senate Judiciary be continued and adequately funded.

OTHER COMMISSIONS

The Committee on National Security passed a resolution which was adopted by the full Convention entitled "National Crime Resistance Program." (Copy attached). This resolution commended the FBI, the Police Foundation and police departments involved for the implementation of the Crime Resistance Program and urged the expansion of such programs throughout the United States.

It is noted that Assistant Director McDermott spoke before this Committee on Friday, August 15, 1975. His remarks were extremely well received and numerous favorable comments were made following his address clearly indicating that the American Legion deeply appreciated his appearance before the National Security Committee.

Other resolutions adopted by the Convention called upon the Congress and President to restore to the United States the position of world military superiority; urging law enforcement officers and the judiciary to act with dispatch, irrespective of the circumstances, when there is reasonable cause to believe that a crime has been committed and to swiftly apprehend those responsible for acts in violation of the laws of this Nation. A resolution was also adopted opposing legislation requiring the registration or confiscation of firearms by private individuals; however, the resolution does support legislation making a jail sentence mandatory for the use of any firearm in the commission of a felony and with no suspension of sentence or probation possible.

The Convention also commended President Ford for effecting the return of the merchant ship Mayaguez and reaffirmed its opposition to general amnesty for draft evaders and military deserters and urged that each case be tried on an individual basis and each deserter be dealt with as prescribed.

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by law. It also called upon the courts to prosecute to the full extent of the law all individuals charged with evading the military draft. The Convention also passed a resolution opposing the placement of returning draft dodgers and deserters in veteran hospitals and on any type of Government jobs. Several resolutions were also passed concerning the foreign policy of the United States, particularly as it relates to the Middle East, Portugal, Cuba and the Soviet Union.

The American Legion's Fourth State Award (presented annually for outstanding public service in the communications field) was presented to Jim Bishop, internationally famed author and columnist. The award in part stated "... Jim Bishop stands without peer in his chosen field, and has set a standard of excellence in American writing worthy of emulation." The National Commander's Special Citation was presented to Curt Gowdy, Sportscaster for the National Broadcasting Company, during the National Commander's Banquet on Tuesday evening, August 19, 1975. The American Legion's Distinguished Service Award, which the late FBI Director Hoover received in 1946, was awarded to Harry W. Colmery, a past National Commander, who was the architect of the original G.I. Bill of Rights.

Among those addressing the Convention proper were President Ford who addressed the Convention on Tuesday morning. The main thrust of his remarks were for a strong defense of the United States while striving to improve relations between the world's two super powers. He also called upon the Congress of the United States to give deep thought to any actions taken which would hamper this country's intelligence services. Governor Wendell R. Anderson, the Governor of Minnesota, the Mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul, the Chairman of the Board of the United States Chamber of Commerce, General Frederick C. Weyand, Chief of Staff, Department of the Army, and Secretary of the Navy, J. William Middendorf, also addressed the Convention proper. Numerous other individuals connected with the military, various Federal Government agencies, individuals affiliated with the media and public services organizations addressed various commissions during the Convention.

NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER

Harry G. Wiles, aged 59, of Topeka, Kansas, was elected National Commander of the American Legion for the year 1975-1976. Wiles is a practicing attorney, having received his Juris Doctor in law from the University of Kansas Law School. He served as a naval officer in the Office

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of Naval Intelligence during World War II and has been extremely active in the American Legion for numerous years. He has also served in a variety of public posts, including that of County Attorney in Stafford County, Kansas, city attorney and police judge. He was a candidate for the office of Governor of Kansas in 1964, being defeated for that office by less than 1 percent of the total votes cast. He has been active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the United States Jaycees, the Cancer Society, Masonic bodies, Elks and Eagles. He was Director and the former President and presently Chairman of the Board of Directors of Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Macksville, Kansas. Wiles is well known to the Bureau's liaison representative and holds Director Kelley and the FBI in extremely high esteem. We can expect a very cordial relationship with the American Legion during Wiles' tenure as National Commander. During conversation with him at the Convention he indicated that he plans to be in Washington sometime during the next few months and would like very much to make a courtesy call on Mr. Kelley.

SAs [] and []
[] Minneapolis Office, worked tirelessly during the National Convention to be of assistance both in the evenings and over the weekend. They all made excellent impressions on distinguished Legionnaires to whom they were introduced and, accordingly, it is being recommended that they be commended.

No letters are being recommended at this time to the National Commander expressing appreciation for resolutions adopted relating to the FBI. It is noted that resolved clauses in two of the three resolutions indicated that a copy of the resolution would be sent to Mr. Kelley in addition to other individuals. It is felt that these resolutions should be acknowledged at the time formal copies are sent to Mr. Kelley.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That an appropriate letter be sent to newly elected National Commander Harry G. Wiles congratulating him on his election. He should also be added to the general mailing list. *(address per phone book & zip directory)*

Let to [] 4/25/68
2. That this memorandum be referred to the Administrative Division for preparation of commendation letters for SAs [] and []

September 22, 1975

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Mr. James R. Wilson
Director
National Security - Foreign Relations
Division
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 11th and for sending me a copy of the National Security Report which was adopted by the 57th National Convention of The American Legion.

My associates and I are indeed grateful for the resolution passed in support of our Crime Resistance Program. We are most hopeful that concrete recommendations will be forthcoming from this pilot project and we appreciate the efforts of organizations such as The American Legion in helping to bring about an awareness on the part of the citizens of our Nation. We hope you will extend our thanks to your colleagues as well.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate prior cordial correspondence with Mr. Wilson. He is on the FBI LEB mailing list. Enclosure is being detached and sent to Mr. Coleman.

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Resolution No. 435, referred to in the attached letter, appears on page 6 of the enclosed National Security Report.

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Mr. Clarence Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the National Security Report adopted by the 57th National Convention of The American Legion:

The resolutions which were adopted will serve as a base for our legislative and programming activities during the remainder of 1975 until our National Convention meets in Seattle, Washington next August. I would like to call your attention to Resolution No. 435 contained in the report of the Law and Order Subcommittee which should be of particular interest to you.

Since its inception, The American Legion has made the maintenance of a strong national defense one of its principal objectives. We plan to continue to support this objective in the future.

Very sincerely,

JAMES R. WILSON, Director
National Security - Foreign
Relations Division

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 9/25/75

FROM : D. W. Moore, Jr.

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION - *National*
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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The semi-annual meeting of the National Executive Committee and Commissions of the American Legion will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing on Monday morning, October 6, 1975, and concluding on Wednesday afternoon, October 8, 1975. SA Thomas B. Coll, who is the National Commander's representative to the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee and the Bureau's liaison representative with the American Legion, has received an official call to attend these meetings.

The Counter-Subversive Activities Committee, which is a part of the Americanism Commission, has a number of resolutions which, because of their delicate nature, were referred from the National Convention in Minneapolis and will have to be acted upon. These resolutions, for the most part, deal with matters in the internal security field.

In view of the fact that SA Coll has received an official call from the Legion to attend these meetings, he will be reimbursed by the Legion for his transportation to and from Indianapolis, it is recommended he be permitted to attend.

RECOMMENDATION

That SA Coll, who is the approved national representative with the American Legion, be permitted to attend the above meetings.

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October 14, 1975

The attached thank you note was sent to the Director by Harry G. Wiles, National Commander, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206. The note reads as follows:

NATIONAL
Director Kelly

I am very appreciative of your fine letter.

I hope to visit with you personally, again soon.

Sincerely

Harry G. Wiles
National Commander"

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Director Kelly
I am very
appreciative of your
fine letters. I hope to visit
with you personally, again soon.

Sincerely
Harry G. Wiles
National
Commander

My sincere thanks for your message of
congratulations. Your thoughtfulness is deeply
appreciated, and I am grateful for your good
wishes.

Harry G. Wiles

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Moore

DATE: 8/26/75

FROM : H. A. Boynton, Jr.

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION-NATIONAL CONVENTION
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SA Thomas B. Coll, External Affairs Division, with Bureau approval, attended captioned Convention in a liaison capacity. The following matters of interest are set forth:

NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

Coll was elected Secretary of this Commission which considered a total of 146 resolutions. One resolution commended the Director for his speech before the National Conference of Bar Presidents and the American Judicature Society. The resolved clauses stated that the American Legion supported the statements of FBI Director Kelley and called upon our citizens to lend full support to the investigative agencies of our country charged with national security responsibilities and encourage the United States Congress to give deep consideration to any actions which would tend to hamper these agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities to all citizens. The resolution also called for copies to be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Attorney General and Mr. Kelley. (copy attached). Five other resolutions were consolidated and approved reaffirming the American Legion's complete confidence in the capability, integrity and indispensable need for continued excellent service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency. Copies of the resolution were to be sent to those mentioned above and also to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency with a view to giving all possible aid and encouragement to the personnel of these agencies in carrying out their vital mission of protecting the security of the United States, particularly in this state of world history which reflects the spread of communism and subversion of freedom (copy attached).

Other resolutions of interest called upon the Congress to restore the House Internal Security Committee, the opposition of the use of public

1 - Mr. Coleman 1 - Mr. Walsh
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Boynton to Moore Memorandum
Re: The American Legion

of Naval Intelligence during World War II and has been extremely active in the American Legion for numerous years. He has also served in a variety of public posts, including that of County Attorney in Stafford County, Kansas, city attorney and police judge. He was a candidate for the office of Governor of Kansas in 1964, being defeated for that office by less than 1 percent of the total votes cast. He has been active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the United States Jaycees, the Cancer Society, Masonic bodies, Elks and Eagles. He was Director and the former President and presently Chairman of the Board of Directors of Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Macksville, Kansas. Wiles is well known to the Bureau's liaison representative and holds Director Kelley and the FBI in extremely high esteem. We can expect a very cordial relationship with the American Legion during Wiles' tenure as National Commander. During conversation with him at the Convention he indicated that he plans to be in Washington sometime during the next few months and would like very much to make a courtesy call on Mr. Kelley.

SAs [redacted]

[redacted] Minneapolis Office, worked tirelessly during the National Convention to be of assistance both in the evenings and over the weekend. They all made excellent impressions on distinguished Legionnaires to whom they were introduced and, accordingly, it is being recommended that they be commended.

No letters are being recommended at this time to the National Commander expressing appreciation for resolutions adopted relating to the FBI. It is noted that resolved clauses in two of the three resolutions indicated that a copy of the resolution would be sent to Mr. Kelley in addition to other individuals. It is felt that these resolutions should be acknowledged at the time formal copies are sent to Mr. Kelley.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That an appropriate letter be sent to newly elected National Commander Harry G. Wiles congratulating him on his election. He should also be added to the general mailing list.

Letter to Wiles 9-8-75 AWT:zlh

2. That this memorandum be referred to the Administrative Division for preparation of commendation letters for SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

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COMMENDATION, CLARENCE M. KELLEY, DIRECTOR
AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WHEREAS, In a recent speech before the National Conference of Bar Presidents and the American Judicature Society on August 9, 1975, FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley warned of the increasing number and proficiency of persons who are engaged in activities antagonistic to the national security of our country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley further stated that there is no national issue more worthy of concern and active involvement than the issue of national security; and,

WHEREAS, the FBI Director pointed out that remedies are available if individuals' rights are violated by a law enforcement officer, but cited that there is no remedy from a terrorist bomb; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley publicly stated that he welcomed the responsibility for insuring that the FBI operated within proper guidelines and encouraged fully informing the American people of the Government's national security role; and,

WHEREAS, He encouraged citizen involvement in maintaining our national security-citizen awareness of the awesome responsibility we have; and,

WHEREAS, The United States would surely finish last in the world arena if investigative agencies charged with national security responsibilities are so fettered as to be ineffective; and

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WHEREAS, As he quoted Justice Goldberg, "...for while the Constitution protects against invasion of individual rights, it is not a suicide pact"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the American Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 19, 20, 21, 1975, that The American Legion supports the statements of FBI Director Kelley and calls upon our citizens to lend full support to the investigative agencies of our country charged with national security responsibilities and encourage the United States Congress to give deep consideration to any actions which would tend to hamper these agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities to all citizens; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Attorney General, and the FBI Director.

CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency, both charged with the protection and preservation of the security of the United States since their inception, have served with distinction and honor in carrying out this vital mission; and

WHEREAS, In the course of discharging of their obligations to their superiors, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have been subjected to harsh and severe criticism resulting in undermining employee morale and impeding progress of these agencies in carrying out their traditional and lawful goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 19, 20, 21, 1975, that The American Legion reaffirm its complete confidence in the capability, integrity and indispensable need for continued excellent service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General

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of the United States, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency with a view to giving all possible aid and encouragement to the personnel of these agencies in carrying out their vital mission of protecting the security of the United States, particularly at this state of world history which reflects the spread of communism and subversion of freedom.

NATIONAL CRIME RESISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the FBI, in conjunction with the Police Foundation, recently announced the launching of a new program seeking to mobilize greater citizen involvement in efforts to resist crime; and

WHEREAS, the police departments in Wilmington, Delaware; Birmingham, Alabama; Norfolk, Virginia; and DeKalb County, Georgia, have joined in this pilot program; and

WHEREAS, it is hoped that successful efforts will be obtained through the pilot program and expanded and copied by other communities in designing their own self-help, crime resistance program to curb the spiraling increase in crime; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has dedicated itself to service in the community, state and Nation and wholeheartedly believes that this Nation must be a nation of law and order or become a country bordering on chaos; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 19, 20, 21, 1975, that we commend the FBI, the Police Foundation and the Police Departments involved for the implementation of the Crime Resistance Program and urge the expansion of such programs throughout the United States.

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Mr. Mylio S. ~~Kraja~~
 Director
 National Legislative Commission
 The American Legion
 1608 K Street, N. W.
 Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Kraja:

I received your letters of October 8th enclosing copies of the resolutions adopted by the 57th National Convention of The American Legion. My associates and I are indeed pleased by this strong expression of support. Please convey our appreciation to your colleagues.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
 Director

NOTE: Bufiles disclose cordial correspondence with Mr. Kraja.

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October 8, 1975

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

The 57th National Convention of The American Legion adopted a resolution expressing support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the resolution in accordance with its second resolve clause.

Sincerely yours,

Mylio S. Kraja

Mylio S. Kraja, Director
National Legislative Commission

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FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, AUGUST 19, 20, 21, 1975

RESOLUTION: No. 5

COMMITTEE: Americanism

SUBJECT: Support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and
the Central Intelligence Agency

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency, both charged with the protection and preservation of the security of the United States since their inception, have served with distinction and honor in carrying out this vital mission; and

WHEREAS, In the course of discharging of their obligations to their superiors, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have been subjected to harsh and severe criticism resulting in undermining employee morale and impeding progress of these agencies in carrying out their traditional and lawful goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 19, 20, 21, 1975, that The American Legion reaffirm its complete confidence in the capability, integrity and indispensable need for continued excellent service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General of the United States, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency with a view of giving all possible aid and encouragement to the personnel of these agencies in carrying out their vital mission of protecting the security of the United States, particularly at this state of world history which reflects the spread of communism and subversion of freedom.

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October 8, 1975

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Handwritten signature

Dear Mr. Kelley:

The 57th National Convention of The American Legion adopted a resolution commending Clarence M. Kelley, Director and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the resolution in accordance with its second resolve clause.

Sincerely yours,

cc. *Mylio S. Kraja*
Mylio S. Kraja, Director
National Legislative Commission

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FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, AUGUST 19; 20, 21, 1975

RESOLUTION: No. 249

COMMITTEE: Americanism

SUBJECT: Commendation, Clarence M. Kelley, Director and the
Federal Bureau of Investigation

WHEREAS, In a recent speech before the National Conference of Bar Presidents and the American Judicature Society on August 9, 1975, FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley warned of the increasing number and proficiency of persons who are engaged in activities antagonistic to the national security of our country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley further stated that there is no national issue more worthy of concern and active involvement than the issue of national security; and,

WHEREAS, The FBI Director pointed out that remedies are available if individuals' rights are violated by a law enforcement officer, but cited that there is no remedy from a terrorist bomb; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley publicly stated that he welcomed the responsibility for insuring that the FBI operated within proper guidelines and encouraged fully informing the American people of the Government's national security role; and,

WHEREAS, He encouraged citizen involvement in maintaining our national security-citizen awareness of the awesome responsibility we have; and,

WHEREAS, The United States would surely finish last in the World arena if investigative agencies charged with national security responsibilities are so fettered as to be ineffective; and,

WHEREAS, As he quoted Justice Goldberg, "...for while the Constitution protects against invasion of individual rights, it is not a suicide pact"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 19, 20, 21, 1975, that The American Legion supports the statements of FBI Director Kelley and calls upon our citizens to lend full support to the investigative agencies of our country charged with national security responsibilities and encourage the United States Congress to give deep consideration to any actions which would tend to hamper these

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agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities to all citizens;
and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to
the President of the United States, the President of the Senate,
the Speaker of the House, the Attorney General, and the FBI
Director.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 11-6-75

FROM : D. W. Moore, Jr.

SUBJECT: HARRY G. WILES
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION
REQUEST TO MEET MR. KELLEY
ON EITHER NOVEMBER 18 OR 19, 1975

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Over the years, it has been customary for the newly elected National Commander of The American Legion to pay a courtesy call on the Director shortly after his election. Bill Hauck, National Adjutant of The American Legion, has advised that the newly elected Commander, Harry G. Wiles, will be in Washington on Tuesday, November 18th and Wednesday, November 19, 1975, and, if possible, would like to call on Mr. Kelley on one of those days. He would be available at any time convenient to the Director. He will probably be accompanied by Mr. Hauck; Mr. James Watkins, the Director of Public Relations for The American Legion; and the Commander's aid, Colonel Clarence Blake. The Director has previously met Mr. Watkins and Mr. Hauck. It is noted that Mr. Kelley congratulated Mr. Wiles on his election as National Commander.

Wiles, aged 59, of Topeka, Kansas, was elected the new National Commander for the Legion Year 1975-76 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on August 21, 1975. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II, received a BS degree from the University of Kansas and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Kansas Law School. During his military service, he served with the Office of Naval Intelligence and graduated from the U. S. Naval School of Oriental Languages at the University of Colorado specializing in the Japanese language. Wiles is a practicing attorney and has served in a variety of public posts, including that of county attorney, Stafford County, Kansas; city attorney; and police judge. In 1964 he was a candidate for the office of Governor of Kansas, being defeated for that office by less than one percent of the total votes cast. In addition to his Legion activities, he

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D. W. Moore to Jenkins memo
RE: HARRY G. WILES

has been active in numerous other civic organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees, the Cancer Society, Masonic Bodies, the Elks and the Eagles. It is noted that one of the prime goals of The American Legion during this year is to raise four million dollars for cancer research. To date, they have raised approximately \$500,000 towards this goal. The Bureau's American Legion Post has donated \$100 to this drive. Mr. Wiles is married and has three children.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mr. Kelley indicate whether he will be able to meet with Commander Wiles on either November 18 or 19, 1975.

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December 18, 1975

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Mr. Lloyd Ed Johnson
Department Adjutant
Department of Missouri Inc. *D.C.*
The American Legion
Post Office Box 179
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Ed I was pleased to receive your letter of December 9th inviting me to be the guest of Commander Liddle at dinner during The American Legion's Annual Midwinter Conference on Tuesday evening, March 2nd. I am very pleased to accept your kind invitation and will look forward to hearing from you further in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

Cl. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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408 MADISON STREET / P. O. BOX 179 / JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

W. F. (BILL) LIDDLE
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
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LLOYD ED JOHNSON, DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

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December 9, 1975

Mr. Clarence Kelly, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBI Building
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Director Kelly:

The American Legion will hold its annual Midwinter Conference in Washington, D. C., February 29 thru March 3, 1976. One of the highlights of the event will be the dinner for the members of the Congress on Tuesday evening, March 2, 1976. Department Commander William F. Liddle has asked me to extend an invitation for you to be his special guest for the dinner and sit with the Missouri delegation. The Missourians always gather in a suite prior to the dinner for a get acquainted session. We would let you know the location of the suite in the Sheraton-Park Hotel at a later time.

We hope you can see your way clear to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

LLOYD ED JOHNSON
Department Adjutant

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cc: Mr. William F. Liddle, Department Commander, The American Legion
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February 6, 1976

Honorable Harry G. Wiles
National Commander
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Wiles:

Many thanks for your letter of January 29th
extending an invitation for me to be a head table guest
at the National Commander's Banquet on Tuesday, March 2nd.
Although I am deeply appreciative of your request, I feel
that I should honor my previous acceptance of the invitation
to sit with the Missouri delegation. I do trust you will
understand my position, and I look forward to being with you
on that occasion.

Sincerely yours,

B. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER

January 29, 1976

American Legion - National

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Justice Department
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

We are delighted to hear that you have accepted an invitation from the Department of Missouri to attend the National Commander's Banquet honoring the Congress on Tuesday, March 2. However, it would be my pleasure to extend to you an invitation to be a head table guest, and I am sure the Department of Missouri would understand if you were not seated with them. I am sure that sometime during the evening you would have the chance to spend some time with your friends from Missouri.

In view of our longstanding program for law and order, and some of the happenings that we have witnessed in the past few months, I believe it would be most important that you be at the head table where you could be properly recognized by those in attendance, especially the some 400 Members of Congress who usually attend our Banquet.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harry G. Wiles
HARRY G. WILES
National Commander

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CARTHA D. DeLOACH
VICE PRESIDENT
CORPORATE AFFAIRS

January 30, 1976

The Honorable Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Clarence:

I understand you have already accepted an invitation to be the guest of the Missouri group at The American Legion's banquet for members of Congress on March 2, 1976. I would like to take this means of extending you another very cordial invitation closely related to that affair.

For many years, it has been my custom to host a small cocktail-buffet gathering for some of the people attending the Legion's Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D. C. My guests have usually consisted of a select group of Legion officials and some Bureau people. All of the past affairs have proved to be congenial and thoroughly enjoyable.

This year, I have asked Jim Adams, Nick Callahan, and a few of the men from the External Affairs Division to join me in Suite D-700 of the Sheraton Park Hotel at 7 p.m., Monday, March 1st. I would be delighted if you could be with us for a completely informal evening of relaxation bolstered by plenty of good food and drink.

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The Honorable Clarence M. Kelley

I hope your schedule will permit you to be with us and I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

With my best wishes and highest personal esteem,

Sincerely,



C. D. DeLoach

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February 4, 1976

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Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach
Vice President
Corporate Affairs
Pepsico
Purchase, New York 10577

Dear Deke:

Thanks so much for your letter of January 30, 1976,
inviting me to the gathering on March 1st. I am pleased to
accept and look forward to seeing you and spending a most
enjoyable evening.

Best regards,

Sincerely,
H. Clarence

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MEMO TO THE DIRECTOR:

In connection with your attendance at a reception buffet hosted by C. D. DeLoach next Monday evening in Suite D700 at the Sheraton Park Hotel, I wanted to advise you of the identities of the individuals who will be in attendance. As I understand it, this is a very informal gathering commencing at approximately 7 p.m. for cocktails, followed by a buffet dinner. In addition to you and DeLoach, the following individuals have accepted an invitation to be in attendance: Mr. Callahan; Mr. Adams; Mr. Cleveland; myself; George Quinn, SAC in Baltimore; Homer Boynton, Tom Coll and Tom Harrington of my front office; [redacted] a retired FBI Inspector; Don Hanning, a retired FBI Agent; and Hob Adcock, a retired FBI Agent who is affiliated with DeLoach at Pepsico in Purchase, New York. Additionally, Henry King, President of the U. S. Brewers Association; James Day, Federal Maritime Commissioner; Bill Rogers, Vice President and Northeastern Regional Director of the U. S. Brewers Association (Rogers will undoubtedly be the National Commander of The American Legion for the Year 1976-77); Ray McHugh, editor of The American Legion Magazine; Frank Brandstetter, Manager and part owner of the Las Brisas Hotel in Acapulco, New Mexico; and Father Paul Schwaab, a past Chaplain of The American Legion and presently the Pastor of a Catholic Church in Omaha, Nebraska, will also be in attendance.

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TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 4-14-76

FROM : D. W. Moore, Jr.

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION - *National*
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
MAY 3-6, 1976

The semi-annual meeting of the National Executive Committee and Commissions of The American Legion will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 3-6, 1976. SA Thomas B. Coll, who is the National Commander's representative to the Americanism Commission and the Bureau's liaison representative with The American Legion, has received an official call to attend these meetings.

The Americanism Commission, one of the major Commissions of the National Legion Organization, has a number of resolutions which, because of their delicate nature, were referred from the National Convention and will have to be acted upon. These resolutions for the most part deal with matters in the internal security field.

In view of the fact that SA Coll has received an official call from the Legion to attend these meetings, he will be reimbursed by the Legion for his transportation to and from Indianapolis.

RECOMMENDATION:

That SA Coll, who is the approved liaison representative with The American Legion, be permitted to attend the above meetings.

1 - Mr. Moore

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5-24-76

FROM: Legat, Rome (80-149) (RUC)

SUBJECT: HARRY G. WILES

NATIONAL COMMANDER

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL

Commander WILES and his party were met upon their arrival in Rome, Italy, on 5-19-76, assisted at the airport, and later were driven to their hotel. Legat attended the reception for Commander WILES hosted by the Deputy Chief of Mission, U. S. Embassy, Rome, and the following evening Legat joined the group for a private dinner.

On 5-22-76 Legat arranged for transportation for a portion of the Legion group and personally drove the Commander and his wife to the airport where they were extended courtesies prior to their departure for Athens, Greece.

Commander WILES expressed his sincere appreciation for the courtesies extended to him by the Bureau during his trip to Italy.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 7-27-76

FROM : D. W. Moore, Jr.

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION MATTERS
SA THOMAS B. COLL
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that SA Coll be granted permission to allow his name to be placed in nomination for the office of National Vice Commander of The American Legion during the Legion's Convention in Seattle, Washington, August 20-26, 1976.

DETAILS: SA Coll has advised me that he has been contacted by many of the top leaders of The American Legion, including Mr. William Rogers, who will undoubtedly be elected National Commander for the Legion Year 1976-77, and urged to allow his name to be entered into nomination for the office of National Vice Commander of The American Legion. The American Legion Department of the District of Columbia has also unanimously endorsed SA Coll for this position. Mr. Coll has advised these individuals and the Department that it would be necessary for him to obtain Bureau approval before such action could be taken and, in the event there was any significant opposition to his name being placed in nomination, he would not permit his name to be entered.

SA Coll has handled liaison with The American Legion on a national level for over 15 years and has held practically every elective office in The American Legion on a state level. He is well respected in Legion circles and I have heard many favorable comments concerning him. SA Coll has advised me that the office of National Vice Commander is, for the most part, an honorary position and is not a stepping stone to the office of National Commander as in so many other organizations. He indicated that there are five National Vice Commanders elected each year and that he does not anticipate any additional time away from the office in connection with this position. It is noted that there is precedence for a Bureau employee to hold such an office as former Assistant to the Director C. D. DeLoach held the same office in the 1960's.

1 - Mr. Moore
1 - Mr. Walsh

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D. W. Moore to Jenkins memo
RE: AMERICAN LEGION MATTERS

RECOMMENDATION:

That SA Coll be granted approval to allow his name to be entered into nomination for the office of National Vice Commander unless there is some significant opposition to it during the Legion's forthcoming Convention.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 7-22-76

FROM : D. W. Moore, Jr.

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
AUGUST 20-26, 1976
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PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that SA Thomas B. Coll of the External Affairs Division be authorized to attend captioned Convention in a liaison capacity.

DETAILS: The National Convention of The American Legion will be held in Seattle, Washington, beginning on August 20th and extending through August 26th. Approximately 50,000 Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary are expected to attend this Convention with some 5,000 official delegates in attendance.

The National Convention is, of course, the governing body of The American Legion and all important mandates emanate from the Convention. Past experience has shown that numerous resolutions considered at these Conventions have a direct bearing on the FBI and the FBI's relations with other agencies in the law enforcement and intelligence community. The Bureau has, over the past 30 years, maintained liaison with The American Legion and has designated Bureau representatives to attend the Legion's National Convention and other national meetings. SA Thomas B. Coll of the External Affairs Division is the Bureau's liaison representative with The American Legion and is also the National Commander's representative to the National Americanism Commission. SA Coll has been served an official call from the national organization and, therefore, the cost of his transportation to and from the Convention will be paid by The American Legion.

RECOMMENDATION: That SA Coll be authorized to attend captioned Convention in a liaison capacity.

1 - Mr. Moore

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July 26, 1976

Mr. William LaVarre
Post Office Box 1517
Tryon, North Carolina 28782

Dear Mr. LaVarre:

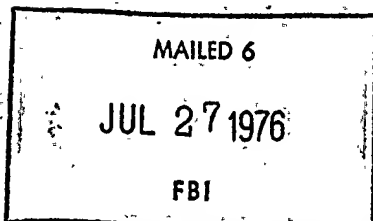
It is always heartening to read words of support and offers of assistance as are expressed in your letter of July 19th. Your encouragement is indeed appreciated and you can be sure my associates share my sentiments.

I would certainly like to be with you and your colleagues at the National Convention of the American Legion in Seattle in August. However, I regret my schedule will not permit me to do so but I hope it is a most successful affair.

Sincerely yours,

D. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director



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NOTE: Bufiles indicate prior cordial correspondence with Mr. LaVarre.
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WILLIAM LAVARRE

19 July 76

Director Clarence M. Kelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington D.C.

Dear Chief:

ROUTE TO D.O. FOR SIGNATURE *please*
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Your Washington fortitude is exemplary. Your endurance magical. Your courage and patriotism magnificent. We observe with constant applause. The indignities you suffer, though different from Job's, must have been as trying to the spirit. Washington characters, half your size, may plan to mire you in vipers' spits, but time, now we hope, is against that liquidation. You just stay Clarence Kelley, of Kansas City, through another half-year adamantly forthright (as often as possible visible to our citizens via their Tv tubes, in their threatened homes) and Better Days can be won.

If you sometime think you need additional troops - beyond the restrictions of Washington - alert numbers, I think, await whatever help they can be to you.

Some of us observe, through our own sources, the intent of little men fanatic now to hold posts they are not qualified for, or to expand their powers at the command of patrons, readying us for federal district entrapments.

If you have the opportunity for being absent from Washington next month, we hope you will appear before the national convention of the American Legion in Seattle, and let that be our alert observance of the assets you have given Americans, during what some of us know would have liquidated, month after month, a lesser Man....and Citizen.

Again, we salute you this July

Best wishes,

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William LaVarre

William LaVarre

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me to be in Wash. etc"

WILLIAM LAVARRE

Sunday 8-8-76

Dear Chief Kelley:

Your temporary ordeal with television, via ABC inquisition today, was witnessed with special interest here, and greatly appreciated. I have been preparing to respond to your note of July 26th.

I was historically intrigued with the selected appearance of the present Atlantic Monthly Magazine's Mr Unger.

As a member still in good standing of the Harvard Class of '19, I have known the Atlantic and its roving all these years - whenever needed, quite intimately.

What I have been discussing with my hopeful Correspondents, in view of your July 26 thought that your schedule would not permit you to attend the Legions National Convention in Seattle, has been some way to get you to by-pass that schedule and let the American Legion, in National Convention Assembled, give you a current ovation. With your giving us, and all our citizens, a message or two, one before the whole Convention and another at the new Commander's Dinner. Giving you a useful opportunity to gather more and more troubled citizens, and Senators, and Congressmen, and Governors, into your troupes. Today, any man who seeks to keep his honor and talents adamant and successful in our nation's capital needs special troops - if he can obtain them on and off Capitol Hill.

So, on his return to Washington Monday, I have asked Raymond McHugh the new editor of the American Legion Magazine, staffed now in Washington, to see if he can persuade you, with our Indianapolis Headquarters hopes, to "Go West" for us later this month as Ray can schedule with you privately - and, if you wish, off the record until the day of your Seattle appearance with our Legionnaires. Legionnaire [redacted] was my friend Jim Copley's ace newsman and editor before Jim died of cancer, and we were able to persuade Ray to abide with us, at the Legion's Washington Headquarters. We have discussed this with both the present Commander and the incoming Commander and all other hopefuls.

As I have said, often, just keep on being "Clarence Kelley" (I noted you insisted you still are on today's TV!) and let TV display The Honest Man, whenever useful. I think Seattle can be a presently useful site for further displaying, and fortifying, the Real Kelley.

Sincerely, William Lavarre
Box 1517 TRYON, N.C. 28782

Mr Clarence Kelley,
Washington.

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Mr. William LaVarre
Post Office Box 1517
Tryon, North Carolina 28782

Dear Mr. LaVarre:

I received your letters of August 8th and 11th, with enclosure, and I very much appreciate your generous remarks.

While I am grateful for your continued interest in having me address the National Convention of the American Legion in Seattle next week, I am presently recuperating after surgery on my back.

It was thoughtful of you to furnish the FBI your observations concerning the deaths of individuals who attended the American Legion Convention recently in Philadelphia. As you requested, a copy of your enclosure is being made available to our Philadelphia Office.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley
Clarence H. Kelley
Director

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NOTE: By letter 7/26/76 the Director declined Mr. LaVarre's prior invitation to address the National Convention of the American Legion which is to be held 8/22 through 26th.

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WILLIAM LAVARRE

11 August 76

Mr Clarence Kelley,
F.B.I. Washington.

Dear Chief Kelley:

I have sent the original of this letter to Mr Leonard Bachman, Secretary of Health, Pennsylvania, with copies to Governor Shapp; and to Dr David Sencer, the Director of the US Federal CENTER For Disease Control, Atlanta.

You might like to send a copy to your Philadelphia Office, and I enclose one for that purpose.

Hopefully,

William LaVarre

William LaVarre

Box 1517 TRYON, N.C. 28782

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CONFIDENTIAL

WILLIAM LAVARRE

August 76

Dr Leonard Bachman,
Secretary of Health,
State of Pennsylvania,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

William LaVarre
Box 1517, Tryon
North Carolina 28782
In the Southern Blue Ridge

Dear Dr Bachman:

Your attention is requested to this bit of CURARE (and Warali) history: It may throw light on the poisoning of veterans attending the Legion's Department of Pennsylvania Philadelphia Convention.

I am the explorer who early in the Century conducted expeditions into South America's then unexplored jungles of Guiana, Venezuela, and Brasil's north of the Amazon RUPUNUNI "Lost World" highlands. In addition to mineral and oil discoveries, I became, in 1918, intrigued with two poisons the indian tribesmen used and about which I wrote in the then Journal of the Museum of Natural History, New York. I also brought shipments of these poisons out of the interior of South America for laboratory testings, especially by one of the oil companies that were beginning to investigate the production of insecticides - Gulf in particular.

One of these primeval poisons was a black substance the indians dipped the needle-points of their blow-gun darts into and used to kill their game. A minute amount, on the points of their needle-like darts, caused even big fat tapirs, wild hogs, deer, jaguars, etc to quickly become paralysed - and dead. I collected many gourds of this poison and sent it to New York. It was called, as the indians called it, CURARE.

The other primeval poison was even more then mysterious. It was produced for killing fish. It was obtained by beating a certain type of tree vine, flat and often curling rather than straight down from its tree, with river rocks into a mash which the indians would then toss into a river pool, or behind a tribal dam; it quickly gave the water a milky color and within a few minutes fish came to the surface, thrashingly active as though trying to take air into their gills - and then lay dead on the river's surface. WARALI !

In each case the meat of the victims could, amazingly to me, be cooked and eaten without any harm to the indians. These two poisons have been synthasized, I understand, and are available - sometimes to murderers as in a recent New Jersey instance. It disappears from the body and I do not know if there has yet been found a method of "tracing" its lethal use. From what I have read in the Times and other reports, I wonder if some terrorist has not been able to poison selected Legionnaires, using either poison, a needle injection or liquid drink (maybe in supplied ice or setups etc) to accomplish this, perhaps pilot-test, civilian massacre. You can reach me by phone for further comment. 1-704-859-5535.

94-1-17998 William LaVarre
F.A.G.S. F.R.G.S.
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TO THE DIRECTOR:

In connection with your scheduled appointment to meet with Mr. William Rogers, the National Commander of The American Legion, at 2 p.m., tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, October 27, 1976, I thought I'd mention that you have previously met Mr. Rogers at a reception buffet dinner hosted by Deke DeLoach last March at the Sheraton Park Hotel here in Washington. I might also mention that Mr. Rogers extended an invitation to you to attend a buffet/cocktail reception honoring the Washington press, radio and TV personnel tomorrow evening, October 27, 1976, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Legion's Washington Headquarters. Your regrets were extended.

DON MOORE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 9-17-76

FROM : D. W. Moore, Jr.

SUBJECT: WILLIAM J. ROGERS
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION
REQUEST TO MEET MR. KELLEY
ON EITHER OCTOBER 26, 27 OR 28, 1976

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PURPOSE: To convey the request of the National Commander of The American Legion to pay a courtesy call on Mr. Kelley on either October 26, 27 or 28, 1976.

DETAILS: Over the years, it has been customary for the newly elected National Commander of The American Legion to pay a courtesy call on the Director shortly after his election. Bill Hauck, National Adjutant of The American Legion, has advised that the newly elected Commander, William J. Rogers, will be in Washington on Tuesday, October 26th, Wednesday, October 27th, and Thursday, October 28th, and, if possible, would like to call on Mr. Kelley on one of those days. He would be available at any time convenient to the Director. He will probably be accompanied by Mr. Hauck, Mr. James Watkins, the Director of Public Relations for The American Legion, and the Commander's aide, [redacted], of Auburn, Maine. The Director has previously met Mr. Watkins and Mr. Hauck. It is noted that Mr. Kelley congratulated Mr. Rogers on his election as National Commander.

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Rogers, aged 55, of Kennebunk, Maine, was elected the new National Commander for the Legion Year 1976-77 in Seattle, Washington, on August 26, 1976. Mr. Rogers is a veteran of World War II, during which war he served as a Naval aviator with over 30 combat missions. He is a graduate of Syracuse University and is presently Vice President for Government Relations for the U. S. Brewer's Association. In addition to his Legion activities, he has been active in numerous other civic organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Cancer Society, the Exchange Clubs, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Society for Crippled Children.

- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt
- 1 - Mr. Monroe
- 1 - [redacted]
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RECOMMENDATION - OVER

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SEP 27 1976

D. W. Moore to McDermott memo
RE: WILLIAM J. ROGERS

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mr. Kelley indicate whether he will be able to meet
with Commander Rogers on either October 26, 27 or 28, 1976.

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September 13, 1976

Honorable William J. Rogers
National Commander
The American Legion
Post Office Box 1055
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear Mr. Rogers:

I want to take this opportunity to extend to you my heartiest congratulations on your election as National Commander of The American Legion for the year 1976-77.

Members of The American Legion, including myself, can take great pride in having men of your stature active in this fine organization. I am also grateful for the confidence which The American Legion has expressed in the FBI over the years and for the strong stand which it has taken on the need for law and order in our society.

Please do not hesitate to call upon me in the event I can be of any assistance to you during your tenure of office. My associates join me in extending to you every wish for a most successful year.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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NOTE: See D. W. Moore to Mr. McDermott memo dated 9-9-76, captioned "The American Legion Convention, Seattle, Washington, August 19-26, 1976."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 9-9-76

FROM : D. W. Moore, Jr.

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
AUGUST 19-26, 1976

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize captioned Convention and set forth matters of interest to the Bureau.

NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION:

SA Thomas B. Coll of the Press Services Office, with the Director's approval, attended captioned Convention in a liaison capacity. He was elected Secretary of the National Americanism Commission by the Convention, which Commission handled a total of 168 Resolutions. Four Resolutions emanated from the States of Idaho, Maryland, Washington and Montana (copies attached) were consolidated into one Resolution expressing The American Legion's complete confidence in the capability, integrity and indispensable need for continued excellent service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency. It called for a copy of the Resolution to be forwarded to the President, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Attorney General, the Director of the FBI, and the Director of the CIA (copy attached). Another Resolution emanating from the State of Minnesota called upon The American Legion to continue its support of the FBI as it continues to intensify its legal and proper program of lawful surveillance and reporting on parties, groups and individuals whose actions are inimical to the domestic security of the United States. The Resolution also asked for support for the Federal Civilian Employee Loyalty-Security Program and further called upon the House Judiciary Committee to utilize the staff and resources of the former House Internal Security Committee (copy attached).

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Other Resolutions of interest deplored the actions of the American Civil Liberties Union, protested the appearances of radicals on college campuses, supported the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, called for the re-establishment and refunding

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of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, urged the restoration of the House Committee on Internal Security, and recommended legislation to curb problems being created by large numbers of illegal aliens in the United States.

NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION:

The National Security Commission considered a total of 124 Resolutions, most of which called upon the United States to maintain a strong defense posture and also several Resolutions strongly opposing any form of amnesty or pardon for Selective Service violators or deserters from the Armed Forces. Another Resolution emanating from the State of Nevada sought repeal of Public Law 90-618 (Gun Registration). This particular Resolution was rejected.

CONVENTION EVENTS AND VISITORS:

SA Thomas B. Coll was elected a National Vice Commander of The American Legion for the year 1976-77 on the closing day of the Convention by unanimous vote of the Convention.

The American Legion Fourth Estate Award was awarded to Mr. Thomas P. Chisman, President, Peninsula Broadcasting Corporation, Norfolk, Virginia, and Vic Cantone, cartoonist, Editor and Publisher. Mr. Chisman, in conversation with Coll, expressed great admiration for the FBI and full support for the FBI and its endeavors. He indicated that he would be more than willing to assist and cooperate with the FBI in any way possible. SAC, Norfolk has been advised and indicated that he would make it a point of visiting with Mr. Chisman.

The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal, which former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover received in 1946, was presented to movie personality Pat O'Brien.

Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter addressed the Convention on Tuesday, 8-24-76, and Vice Presidential candidate Robert Dole addressed the Convention on Wednesday, 8-25-76. Others who addressed the Convention proper were the Honorable Daniel J. Evans, Governor of the State of Washington; Richard L. Roudebush, Administrator of the Veterans Administration; Admiral James L. Halloway of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Honorable Olin E. Teague, Congressman from Texas; Robert E. Thompson, publisher of the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer;" and Dr. Richard Myers, President and General Manager of KCTS-TV. Among those addressing various committees

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and commissions of The American Legion were Rear Admiral Cooney, Chief of Information, Department of the Navy; General Dougherty, Commander in Chief, Strategic Air Command; Colonel Egenamner, Office of the Chief of Information, Department of the Army; Mr. Frank Hood, Director, Information Services, Veterans Administration; Congressman Mike McCormack of Washington; Congressman Lloyd Meeds of Washington; and Congressman Ray Roberts of Texas. Numerous other representatives of the media and various government organizations also addressed various committees and commissions.

NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER:

Mr. William J. Rogers, 55, of Kennebunk, Maine, was elected as the new National Commander for the Legion Year 1976-77. Mr. Rogers is a veteran of World War II, during which war he served as a Naval aviator with over 30 combat missions. He is a graduate of Syracuse University and is presently Vice President for Government Relations for the U. S. Brewers Association. He has been active in The American Legion since 1946 and has also been extremely active in other civic organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Exchange Clubs, The Cancer Society, the Boy Scouts of America and the Society for Crippled Children. Rogers is personally known to SA Coll and has expressed strong support for the FBI and Mr. Kelley on numerous occasions in the past.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the attached letter be sent to the newly elected National Commander, William J. Rogers and that his name be added to the Bureau Mailing List.

(2) SAC John M. Reed of the Seattle Office worked unrelentingly during the National Convention to be of assistance both in the evenings and over the weekend. He made an excellent impression on distinguished Legionnaires to whom he was introduced and it is recommended that he be commended (letter attached).

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RESOLUTION NO. 319

ACTION TAKEN _____

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been the guardian of the people of the U.S.A. for over a half century; and

WHEREAS, The present climate of public opinion, artificially encouraged by both misinformed citizens and enemies of our Nation, needs to be countered; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Seattle, Washington, August 24, 25, 26, 1976, that we commend the F.B.I. for combatting crime and subversion in the U.S.A. and urge the Congress to provide sufficient funds to increase the number of agents within the F.B.I. by at least two percent.

BACKGROUND: We have a resolution, No. 5, entitled, "Support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency," which was adopted in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 19, 20, 21, 1975. However, since the Ninety-Fourth Congress will terminate at the end of this year, it will have to be reiterated in order to remain in force.

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RESOLUTION NO. 202

ACTION TAKEN

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON(STATE)

SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WHEREAS, The CIA and FBI are unduly criticized and curtailed in their functions by Congressional Committees; and

WHEREAS, Better law and order can be obtained by more support of these organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Seattle, Washington, August 24, 25, 26, 1976, that The American Legion go on record in full support of the CIA and FBI in regards to their functions and not be curtailed by Congressional Committee actions.

BACKGROUND: We have a resolution, No. 5, entitled, "Support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency," which was adopted in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 19, 20, 21, 1975. However, since the Ninety-Fourth Congress will terminate at the end of this year, it will have to be reiterated in order to remain in force.

RESOLUTION NO. 403

ACTION TAKEN _____

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO

THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HEARINGS

WHEREAS, The two national security agencies, namely, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, are the nation's first line of defense; and

WHEREAS, The Public Hearings of these agencies conducted by Congress - both the Senate and the House - have performed a disservice to the defense of our nation by exposing the men and method of operation of these agencies, weakening the defense of our nation and causing, directly or indirectly, the death of one of the agents on duty with the NATO defense forces of Western Europe; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Seattle, Washington, August 24, 25, 26, 1976, that Congress be called upon to discontinue Public Hearings on our security agencies and allow them to function in the Executive Department of the National Government; namely, the Justice Department and the State Department, wherein they can better serve the defense of our country.

RESOLUTION NO. 173

ACTION TAKEN _____

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA

SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WHEREAS, Gathering of information necessary to the Nation's security is vital; and

WHEREAS, Other countries are constantly assembling intelligence information including data regarding the United States; and

WHEREAS, Agencies in this Nation that collect and evaluate information dealing with intelligence are the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, These agencies are doing a necessary service in an efficient manner; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Seattle, Washington, August 24, 25, 26, 1976, that the CIA and FBI are essential to the security of the United States, and urge their continued service; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion award a suitable plaque to each of these agencies recognizing their devoted service to the United States.

BACKGROUND: We have a resolution, No. 5, entitled, "Support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency," which was adopted in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 19, 20, 21, 1975. However, since the Ninety-Fourth Congress will terminate at the end of this year, it will have to be reiterated in order to remain in force.

Resolution No. 173 (Montana) - Subject: Support of The Federal Bureau of Investigation And The Central Intelligence Agency

Resolution No. 202 (Washington State) - Subject: Support Of The Federal Bureau of Investigation And The Central Intelligence Agency

Resolution No. 319 (Maryland) - Subject: Federal Bureau of Investigation

Resolution No. 403 (Idaho) - Subject: The Federal Bureau of Investigation And The Central Intelligence Agency Hearings

were consolidated, using No. 173 and the text of Resolution No. 5 from the 1975 National Convention

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency, both charged with the protection and preservation of the security of the United States since their inception, have served with distinction and honor in carrying out this vital mission; and

WHEREAS, In the course of discharging of their obligations to their superiors, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have been subjected to harsh and severe criticism resulting in undermining employee morale and impeding progress of these agencies in carrying out their traditional and lawful goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Seattle, Washington, August 24, 25, 26, 1976, that The American Legion reaffirm its complete confidence in the capability, integrity and indispensable need for continued excellent service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General of the United States, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency with a view to giving all possible aid and encouragement to the personnel of these agencies in carrying out their vital mission of protecting the security of the United States, particularly at this state of world history which reflects the spread of communism and subversion of freedom.

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RESOLUTION NO. 265

ACTION TAKEN _____

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

DOMESTIC SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, There exists in the United States groups of either a permanent or ad hoc character, whose clear and avowed mission is the overthrow of our free institutions, as well as groups of more fleeting, single-issue oriented, or terroristic nature which seek to embarrass and discredit the United States (i.e. two efforts to assassinate the President in the past year); and

WHEREAS, Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Seattle, Washington, August 24, 25, 26, 1976, that The American Legion continue to support the Federal Bureau of Investigation as it continues to intensify its legal and proper program of lawful surveillance and reporting upon parties, groups and individuals whose actions are inimical to the domestic security of the United States; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That full support must now be extended to the Constitutional Oath Support Act which revises and strengthens America's Federal Civilian Employee Loyalty-Security Program; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion support the recommendation of Congressman Ashbrook (Ohio) in his request that House Judiciary Committee Chairman Rodino (N.J.) utilize the staff and resources of the former House Internal Security Committee to assist the Judiciary Committee to meet its new Internal Security responsibilities.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott *MD*

FROM : D. W. Moore *DM*

DATE: 9-22-76

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION - *National*
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
OCTOBER 4-7, 1976

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that SA Thomas B. Coll of the External Affairs Division be authorized to attend captioned meetings in a liaison capacity.

DETAILS: The semi-annual meeting of the National Executive Committee and Commissions of The American Legion will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 4-7, 1976. SA Thomas Coll, who is a member of the National Executive Committee, a National Vice Commander and the Bureau's liaison representative with The American Legion, has received an official call to attend these meetings. These meetings for the most part are to consider a number of resolutions which, because of their delicate nature, were referred from the National Convention and will have to be acted upon. Many of these resolutions deal with matters in the internal security field and also on the law and order topics. The Legion will also draft its plans and programs for the forthcoming year.

In view of the fact that SA Coll has received an official call from the Legion to attend these meetings, he will be reimbursed by the Legion for his transportation to and from Indianapolis.

RECOMMENDATION: That SA Coll, who is the approved liaison representative with The American Legion, be permitted to attend the above meetings.

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 United States Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you very much for your letter of congratulations on my election as National Commander of The American Legion. Your good wishes and offer of assistance are greatly appreciated.

The American Legion is very grateful for the assistance provided by the Bureau over the years. And, most certainly, we are pleased to have such a distinguished fellow Legionnaire as the Director of the F.B.I.

I look forward to meeting with you when I return to Washington next month.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

William J. Rogers
 WILLIAM J. ROGERS

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OFFICE OF NATIONAL COMMANDER

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Long *mu*

DATE: 12/16/76

FROM : S. R. Burns *SRB/88*

SUBJECT: NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE NEWS BULLETIN
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RECOMMENDATION:

That subscription be renewed.

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Resolution Number 173 which was adopted by the American Legion at our National Convention in August 1976. By taking this action, our organization has re-affirmed its complete confidence in and total support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.

It is apparent to us that maintaining internal security is vital if our nation is to remain stable and retain its position in the world community. Since you exercise much control over the shaping of our nation's internal security program, we believe it necessary that you also be aware of our position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mylio S. Kraja
Mylio S. Kraja, Director
National Legislative Commission

The American Legion

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58th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, AUGUST 24-26, 1976

RESOLUTION NO.: 173

COMMITTEE : AMERICANISM

SUBJECT : SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION AND THE CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency, both charged with the protection and preservation of the security of the United States since their inception, have served with distinction and honor in carrying out this vital mission; and

WHEREAS, In the course of discharging of their obligations to their superiors, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have been subjected to harsh and severe criticism resulting in undermining employee morale and impeding progress of these agencies in carrying out their traditional and lawful goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Seattle, Washington, August 24, 25, 26, 1976, that The American Legion reaffirm its complete confidence in the capability, integrity and indispensable need for continued excellent service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General of the United States, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency with a view to giving all possible aid and encouragement to the personnel of these agencies in carrying out their vital mission of protecting the security of the United States, particularly at this state of world history which reflects the spread of communism and subversion of freedom.

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Mr. Mylio S. Kraja
Director
National Legislative Commission
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Kraja:

It was most thoughtful of you to write on February 9th and furnish me a copy of Resolution Number 173 adopted by your organization at its National Convention in August, 1976.

You may be assured that the FBI is constantly aware of its responsibilities with respect to the internal security of the United States and makes every effort to discharge its responsibilities in this field with the utmost fairness, thoroughness and dispatch. The expression of support by the members of the American Legion for our efforts in this field is certainly appreciated, and I hope our future endeavors continue to merit your approbation.

Sincerely yours

C. M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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March 29, 1977

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Our Post is pleased to see that National Commander William J. Rogers has moved to implement National Convention Resolution 435 for full American Legion cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a base for anti-crime efforts in the community. This program will serve to bring to our membership the important role of the FBI within our Country.

In the 1950's the American Legion was very close with Headquarters through Inspector Lee R. Pennington. I had the pleasure to accompany Lee to a DAR award presentation when his and the efforts of the Bureau were recognized. The function of the Bureau contributed so much under Mr. Hoover to our present law enforcement standards.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Sanford
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American Legion National

Dear Mr. Sanford:

It was most thoughtful of you to write on March 29th, and I thank you for your kind remarks. The continued support by the American Legion for the endeavors of the FBI means much to us. Only through the combined efforts of law enforcement and the community will we be able to make an inroad in the fight against crime.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

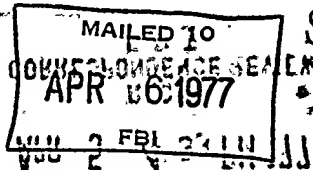
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Assoc. Dir. _____ Lee R. Pennington is a former Special Agent who EOD 5/6/29 and
Dep. AD Adm. _____ retired 11/30/53. He died 9/17/74.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 4/13/77

FROM : H.A. Boynton, Jr.

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION *National*
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
MAY 2-5, 1977

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Purpose:

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that SA Thomas B. Coll, who is the approved liaison representative with the American Legion, be permitted to attend the above-captioned meeting.

Details:

The semi-annual meeting of the National Executive Committee and Commissions of the American Legion will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 2-5, 1977. SA Thomas B. Coll, who is a National Vice Commander of the American Legion and the Bureau's liaison representative with the American Legion, has received an official call to attend these meetings.

These meetings will consider a number of resolutions which, because of their delicate nature, were referred from the national convention and will have to be acted upon. Many of these resolutions deal with matters in the internal security field and other areas of interest to the Bureau.

In view of the fact that SA Coll has received an official call from the Legion to attend these meetings, he will be reimbursed by the Legion for his transportation to and from Indianapolis.

RECOMMENDATION:

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That SA Coll, who is the approved liaison representative with the American Legion, be permitted to attend the above meeting.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Boynton

DATE: 7/29/77

FROM : T. B. Coll

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
DENVER, COLORADO
AUGUST 19-25, 1977
FBI REPRESENTATION

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that SA Thomas B. Coll of the Public Affairs Office be authorized to attend captioned convention in a liaison capacity.

DETAILS: The National Convention of the American Legion will be held in Denver, Colorado, beginning on August 19th and extending through August 25th. Approximately 40,000 Legionnaires and members of the auxiliary are expected to attend this convention, with some 5,000 delegates in attendance.

The National Convention is, of course, the governing body of the American Legion and all important mandates emanate from the convention. Past experience has shown that numerous resolutions considered at these conventions have a direct bearing on the FBI and the FBI's relations with other agencies in the law enforcement and intelligence community. The Bureau has, over the past 30 years, maintained liaison with the American Legion and has designated representatives to attend the Legion's National Convention and other national meetings. SA Thomas B. Coll of the Public Affairs Office is the Bureau's liaison representative with the American Legion and is also a National Vice-Commander of the Legion. SA Coll has received an official call from the national organization and, therefore, the cost of his transportation to and from the convention will be paid by the American Legion.

RECOMMENDATION: That SA Coll be authorized to attend captioned convention in a liaison capacity.

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TO : Mr. Boynton

DATE: 9/1/77

FROM : JRE B. Coll

American Legion

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SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
DENVER, COLORADO
AUGUST 19-25, 1977

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize captioned convention and set forth matters of interest to the Bureau.

RESOLUTIONS: Five resolutions calling for the full support of the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency were consolidated into one resolution (copy attached). This resolution reaffirmed the Legion's complete confidence in the capability, integrity, and indispensable need for continued excellent service of the FBI and CIA and called for a copy of the resolution to be forwarded to the President of the United States, President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General of the United States, the Director of the FBI, and the Director of the CIA.

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Other resolutions of interest opposed legislation calling for instant registration of voters, support of the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, opposed the administration's handling of draft evaders and deserters, and called for the reestablishment of the House Internal Security Subcommittee. The convention also took a strong stand in opposition to the Panama Canal Treaty, called for legislation to strengthen the severity of penalties for those engaged in child pornography and urged a strong position be taken to curb the flow of illegal aliens into the United States. The convention also strongly opposed any and all efforts to unionize the personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States and called upon the Executive Branch of the Government in close consultation with the United States Congress to draw up a broad and equitable plan for a truly universal military training plan. The Legionnaires also opposed the withdrawal of troops from Korea and passed several resolutions relating to crime in our country.

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CONVENTION EVENTS AND VISITORS: During the Report to the Convention by outgoing Commander William J. Rogers, Commander Rogers spoke forcefully in support of the FBI and called

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T. B. Coll to Mr. Boynton
Re: The American Legion Convention

upon all Legionnaires to lend every assistance to the FBI in the "face of onslaughts by some elements of the press and some people in high places in Government."

The American Legion Fourth Estate Awards were awarded to Mr. Jess Gorkins, Editor, Parade Publications, Inc., New York, New York, and to Mr. Ed Mason of the Columbus Dispatch, Columbus, Ohio. It will be recalled that Mason is a former Assistant Director and was SAC of the Cincinnati Office at the time of his retirement from the Bureau. Both Mason and Gorkins personally expressed their high regard for the FBI and offered to be of assistance in any way possible. The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal, which former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover received in 1946, was presented to Doctor Howard A. Rusk of the World Rehabilitation Fund, for his development of voice controlled wheelchairs.

Dr. Richard L. Leshner, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, addressed the full convention and, although his remarks were geared to the economic posture of our country, he included in his talk comments relating to what he referred to as "excessive, unwarranted attacks on a great American institution, the FBI."

Numerous other individuals addressed the convention, including James R. Schlesinger, Secretary of Energy, Congressman John J. Rhodes of Arizona, Tom Read of the Seattle Intelligencer, General Daniel "Chappy" James, Max Cleland, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Senator Orrin Hatch, Allan K. Campbell, Chairman, United States Civil Service Commission, Congressman David L. Cornwell, General Louis L. Wilson, Commandant, United States Marine Corps, and the Governors of four states. Numerous other representatives of both the print and electronic media and various Government organizations also addressed various committees and commissions during the convention.

NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER: Mr. Robert Charles Smith of Spring Hill, Louisiana, was elected as the new National Commander for the Legion year 1977-1978. Mr. Smith, a veteran of World War II, is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University and presently manager of Finance and Administrative Services of the International Paper Company. He has been active in the American Legion since 1947 and has also been active in other civic organizations, such as the United Givers

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Fund, the Boy Scouts of America, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Exchange Clubs. He is presently President of Louisiana Tech University Alumni Association and on the Board of Directors of various banks and savings and loan associations in Louisiana. Mr. Smith is personally known to SA Coll and is a strong supporter of the FBI.

RECOMMENDATION: That the attached letter be sent to newly elected National Commander Robert Charles Smith and that his name be added to the Bureau's mailing list.

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WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency, both charged with the protection and preservation of the security of the United States since their inception, have served with distinction and honor in carrying out this vital mission; and

WHEREAS, In the course of discharging of their obligations to their superiors, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have been subjected to harsh and severe criticism resulting in undermining employee morale and impeding progress of the agencies in carrying out their traditional and lawful goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Denver, Colorado, August 23, 24, 25, 1977, that we reaffirm our complete confidence in the capability, integrity and indispensable need for continued excellent service of the FBI and the CIA; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General of the United States, the Director of the FBI and the Director of the CIA with a view to giving all possible aid and encouragement to the personnel of these agencies in carrying out their vital mission of protecting

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the security of the United States, particularly at this state of world history which reflects the spread of Communism and subversion of freedom.

OUTSIDE SOURCE

September 6, 1977

American Legion National

Honorable Robert C. Smith
National Commander
The American Legion
Post Office Box 1055
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear Mr. Smith:

I want to take this opportunity to extend to you my heartiest congratulations on your election as National Commander of The American Legion for the year 1977-78.

Members of The American Legion, including myself, can take great pride in having men of your stature active in this fine organization. I am also grateful for the confidence which The American Legion has expressed in the FBI over the years and for the strong stand which it has taken on the need for law and order in our society.

Please do not hesitate to call upon me in the event I can be of any assistance to you during your tenure of office. My associates join me in extending to you every wish for a most successful year.

Sincerely yours, V-43

Clarence M. Kelley

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Director

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NOTE: See T. B. Coll to Mr. Boynton memo dated 9/1/77, captioned "The American Legion Convention, Denver, Colorado, August 19-25, 1977."

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Unable to locate any record in Bureau files or Public Affairs Office indicating the Director's copy of the letter dated 8/29/77 has been received at the Bureau. — *Loc. rec'd 9/13/77 - 2pm*

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841 Clifford Davis Federal Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
August 31, 1977

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Chief:

I just received a copy of a letter dated August 29, 1977, inviting you to be the featured speaker at Memphis on November 11, 1977, at a Veterans Day affair sponsored by the American Legion, Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Veterans Council.

National

I certainly hope you can make this appearance. Your appearance would be before an excellent group and would, of course, be of considerable assistance to us.

The group has also been in contact with [redacted] in Atlanta to see if he can be here Thursday evening, November 10, for a related activity at the Officers Club in nearby Millington Naval Air Station sponsored by the Military Order of World Wars. The big event, however, is the November 11 luncheon.

Respectfully yours,

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

September 20, 1977
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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you very much for your letter of congratulations on my election as National Commander of The American Legion. Your good wishes and offer of assistance are indeed appreciated.

The American Legion is pleased to have the Bureau headed by such a distinguished fellow Legionnaire, and we are grateful for the assistance provided by your office over the years. We assure you of our continued support in your efforts to protect the internal security of our country.

Sincerely yours,

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Robert Charles Smith
ROBERT CHARLES SMITH
National Commander

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Boynton

DATE: 9/19/77

FROM : T. B. Coll

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
OCTOBER 3-6, 1977

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PURPOSE: To recommend that SA Thomas B. Coll, who is the approved liaison representative with The American Legion, be authorized to attend above-captioned meeting. NATIONAL

DETAILS: The semi-annual meetings of the National Executive Committee and Commissions of The American Legion will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 3-6, 1977. SA Thomas B. Coll, who is the National Commander's representative to the Americanism Commission of The American Legion and the Bureau's liaison representative with the Legion, has received an official call to attend these meetings.

These meetings will consider a number of resolutions, which, because of their delicate nature and the need for additional study, were referred from the National Convention and will have to be acted upon. Many of these resolutions deal with matters in the internal security field and other areas of interest to the Bureau. In view of the fact that SA Coll has received an official call from the Legion to attend these meetings, he will be reimbursed by the Legion for his transportation to and from Indianapolis.

RECOMMENDATION: That SA Coll, who is the approved liaison representative with The American Legion, be permitted to attend the above meeting.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 10/26/77

FROM : H. A. Boynton

SUBJECT: ROBERT CHARLES SMITH
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION
REQUEST TO MEET MR. KELLEY ON EITHER
NOVEMBER, 16, 17, or 18, 1977

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PURPOSE

To convey the request of the National Commander of The American Legion to pay a courtesy call on Mr. Kelley on either November 16, 17 or 18, 1977.

DETAILS

Over the years it has been customary for the newly-elected National Commander of The American Legion to pay a courtesy call on the Director shortly after his election. Billy Hauck, National Adjutant of The American Legion, has advised that the newly-elected Commander, Robert Charles Smith, will be in Washington on Wednesday, November 16th, Thursday, November 17th, and Friday, November 18th, and if possible would like to call on Mr. Kelley on one of those days. Mr. Hauck indicated that he would be available at any time convenient to the Director; however, the afternoon of Thursday, November 17th would be the most convenient. He will probably be accompanied by Mr. Hauck and James Watkins, the Director of Public Relations for The American Legion. The Director has previously met Messrs. Watkins and Hauck and met the National Commander at The American Legion press reception on October 12th.

Mr. Smith of Spring Hill, Louisiana, was elected as the new National Commander for the Legion year 1977-1978. He is a veteran of World War II, a graduate of Louisiana Tech University, and presently Manager of Finance and Administration Services of the International Paper Company. In addition to his American Legion activities, he has also been active in numerous other civic organizations, such as the United Givers Fund, the Boy Scouts of

- 1 - Mr. Boynton
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- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt
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Boynton to The Director memorandum
Re: Robert Charles Smith

America, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Exchange Clubs.. He is presently President of the Louisiana Tech University Alumni Association and on the Board of Directors of various banks and savings and loan associations in Louisiana.

RECOMMENDATION

The Director's calendar indicates that he is free on Thursday, November 17th, and accordingly it is recommended that he meet with Mr. Smith at 2 p.m. on that date.

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Mr. Hauck for
2:00 pm, 11/16/77
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 11/30/77

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: ~~USE OF FBI SEAL ON AMERICAN LEGION~~
~~CRIME RESISTANCE BOOKLETS~~

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PURPOSE: To advise of the legal considerations regarding the use of the FBI seal on the American Legion Crime Resistance Booklet.

SYNOPSIS AND DETAILS: By routing slip dated 11/8/77, Inspector [redacted], Crime Resistance Office, forwarded a letter (attached) from the American Legion indicating a desire to use the FBI seal on a crime resistance booklet prepared by that organization. On the routing slip, Inspector [redacted] indicated that the Crime Resistance Office would be receptive to such use of the seal as the FBI has worked closely with the American Legion in the past. [redacted] inquired as to whether Legal Counsel Division (LCD) perceived any problem with such use of the seal.

As you are aware, Title 18, United States Code (USC), Section 709, prohibits the use of the words Federal Bureau of Investigation on a pamphlet, circular, etc., in such a manner as to reasonably convey the impression that the publication is authorized or approved by the FBI, without written permission of the Director of the FBI (as the FBI seal contains the words Federal Bureau of Investigation, it would be protected by this statute). Of course, if the Director gives his written permission, there is no statutory bar to the use of this seal.

In the past, LCD has on occasion recommended against the use of the crime resistance logo or the seal on publications produced and distributed by commercial enterprises where there was a real possibility, because of the nature of the product, that such use could be considered as endorsement of a commercial product. Although endorsement of a commercial product by a Government agency is not prohibited by a specific statute, it is clearly improper and would fall within the prohibition of the Department of Justice Standards of Conduct Regulations, which prohibit giving preferential treatment to any person [Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 45.735-2(c)(2)].

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Memorandum Legal Counsel to the Director
Re: Use of FBI Seal on American Legion
Crime Resistance Booklets

Since the American Legion is a nonprofit organization, approval of the booklet would have no commercial implications and would not appear to violate the above regulations. Of course, such use of the FBI seal certainly implies endorsement or approval of the contents and, therefore, such permission should not be granted until the Crime Resistance Office is satisfied that the statements in the booklet are consistent with the Bureau's position on the matter discussed therein.

RECOMMENDATION: None; for information.

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December 6, 1977

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Mr. James B. Hubbard
Assistant Director
National Security - Foreign
Relations Division
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

Thank you for your recent letter with enclosure concerning the American Legion's forthcoming crime resistance publication. It is indeed heartening to learn that the Legion is continuing its efforts to provide crime resistance guidance to Legionnaires throughout the country.

Members of my staff have reviewed your crime resistance booklet and found it to be well done. However, certain recommendations are made in the booklet with regard to self-protection measures for women that may be of questionable validity. In fact, adoption of these recommendations may result in serious bodily harm to an assault victim under certain conditions. These recommendations are contained in a passage on page 10 of the draft of the booklet which was enclosed with your letter. The passage begins "...Carry at least..." and ends with the phrase "...to attract attention..." My associates have advised me that you intend to delete this passage from the final draft of your publication.

I have considered your request to reproduce the seal of the FBI on the cover of your crime resistance booklet in light of the change noted above. As I strongly believe that every organization should provide its membership with crime resistance information, it will be a pleasure to grant your request. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us again.

Sincerely yours,

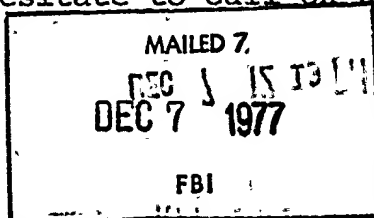
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Clarence M. Kelley
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1 - Mr. Held (detached)
1 - Mr. Boynton (detached)

NOTE: Enclosure to [redacted] to the Director Memo dated 12/2/77 captioned: "USE OF FBI SEAL ON AMERICAN LEGION BOOKLET."

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★ WASHINGTON OFFICE ★ 1608 "K" STREET, N.W. ★ WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004 (2)

November 3, 1977

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

NATIONAL

The American Legion is preparing a booklet containing Crime Resistance Tips and explaining our crime resistance program. This booklet will be available to every American Legion Post in the country, and indeed, to every member of our organization who requests one.

Since the FBI was instrumental in formulating the Crime Resistance program, we feel the booklet would be more effective if the official seal of the Bureau, along with the official seal of The American Legion, are featured on the cover. I am, therefore, requesting permission to use the FBI seal on the cover of the booklet.

I have enclosed the text of the booklet for your information. Since use of the official seal implies approval of the contents, I fully expect that your staff would wish to see the text before granting approval.

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Very sincerely,

J. M. Hubbard
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57th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, AUGUST 19-21, 1975

SUBJECT: NATIONAL CRIME RESISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the FBI, in conjunction with the Police Foundation, recently announced the launching of a new program seeking to mobilize greater citizen involvement in efforts to resist crime; and

WHEREAS, the police departments in Wilmington, Delaware; Birmingham, Alabama; Norfolk, Virginia; and DeKalb County, Georgia have joined in this pilot program; and

WHEREAS, it is hoped that successful efforts will be obtained through the pilot program and expanded and copied by other communities in designing their own self-help, crime resistance program to curb the spiraling increase in crime; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has dedicated itself to service in the community, state and nation and wholeheartedly believes that this nation must be a nation of law and order or become a country bordering on chaos; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 19-21, 1975, that we commend the FBI, the Police Foundation and the Police Departments involved for the implementation of the Crime Resistance Program and urge the expansion of such programs throughout the United States.

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GENERAL

Crime is a problem -- everybody's problem. And because it's everybody's problem, all Americans have a responsibility to do something about crime by resisting it.

Crime resistance doesn't mean vigilantism or physical resistance to the armed criminal. It means responsible anticrime action on the part of each of us.

To make crime resistance safety a part of your life, begin by thinking about the crimes to which you are especially vulnerable in light of such factors as your age, sex, and the area in which you live. Then be wary of these crimes just as you are of other hazards to life and property, such as disease and fire.

Many crime resistance measures that help to diminish your vulnerability to crimes, such as burglary, purse snatching, bicycle theft, and auto theft, are matters of common sense.

A second vital aspect of crime resistance involves responsible participation with the police in the law enforcement process. You can aid substantially in thwarting criminals by promptly reporting crimes, as well as suspicious activity. You can further contribute to the successful prosecution of law violators by testifying at court proceedings when necessary.

Another way in which you can contribute to the total crime resistance effort is to familiarize yourself with the functions and performances of the various elements of the criminal justice system. This enables you to voice an educated opinion as to how these elements -- police, prosecutors, courts, and correctional systems -- can deal most effectively with crime and criminals.

Remember, too, that we all have an obligation to come to the aid of those who fall victim to crime and that we should encourage others to resist crime.

OPERATION ID

Many police property rooms are crammed full of valuable items that the police have recovered but are unable to return to the rightful owners. TV sets, stereos, bicycles and other costly items remain unclaimed because they do not bear any identifiable markings. Had such property been etched with the owner's state license number, it may have been by-passed by the thief in the first place. But, if it was taken by a burglar and recovered by the police, the officers probably would have been able to locate the owner immediately. Think ahead. Consider these simple crime resistance rules about marking your property.

.... Etch a number that is unique to yourself. Your state's abbreviation and your state driver's license number is easily traced back to you.

.... Mark your items permanently in a place that is readily visible and difficult to remove.

.... Mark all your valuables. TV sets, weapons, jewelry, and stereo sets are popular targets of thieves. Small items such as rings and watches can be marked by a jeweler without defacing the property.

.... Photograph antiques, coins, stamps or other similar valuables that would be defaced by etching numbers upon them.

.... Keep an inventory of your property. How and where you marked it, as well as any manufacturer's serial numbers on the items, should be included on that inventory.

.... Contact your local police department for information on etching tools, window stickers advising thieves that your property is marked, tips on where and how to mark and other details of property identification programs.

The marking of property, like all of crime resistance, begins and ends with you!

Don't be an easy mark -- when marking is so easy!

AUTOMOBILES

While auto theft does not strike with the terror of a violent crime, it often means a great financial set back to many who have to bear the loss themselves. It is at the very least a great inconvenience to return to a parking lot after a family outing and find that someone had stolen the family car! It must be an even greater inconvenience when the police advise that the car has been recovered but was seriously damaged by a teenage car thief who was barely able to drive.

Most car thieves are amateurs whose thievery efforts could have been foiled by some simple crime resistance techniques. Here are a few techniques which, if practiced, will greatly reduce the possibility that you will be the victim of car thieves.

- Don't leave the keys in the ignition. Many car thieves just keep looking in parked cars until they find one with the keys in the ignition -- and they steal that one.
- Lock your car when you park it. This won't keep a determined thief out of it but an unlocked car is an easier target and a thief will often bypass one that is locked.
- If you must leave your car parked for a prolonged period of time -- remove the rotary cap or coil wire or some other necessary part of the engine so that it cannot be driven off.
- Don't let strangers take your car for a "test drive" unaccompanied if you advertise it for sale. Many such prospective buyers just never brought the car back.

.... When buying a car make sure that title papers and vehicle identification number (VIN) are in order. If doubt arises about the validity of the title or the ownership, contact your local police who can advise you about your state's legal requirements concerning the buying and selling of a motor vehicle.

Many crimes befall victims as they enter or leave their cars or are simply traveling from one place to another in their cars. Some simple crime resistance rules can be followed which could very well keep you from becoming a victim while using you car:

.... Keep you car doors locked while traveling.

.... Keep you car doors locked when parked. This helps to keep intruders out. Look into you car before entering.

.... Do not pick up hitchhikers. It should not be necessary to caution on this point, but every day some kind motorist ignores this rule and becomes the victim of a violent crime perpetrated by a hitchhiker.

.... In the event you observe an individual in need of assistance on the highway, look for the police or a telephone or business establishment from which you could obtain assistance for the stranded party than stopping in an isolated area to assist him.

.... Consider gas cap locks and hood locks, as well as auto theft alarm systems, as additional safeguards.

.... Park in well-lighted areas and avoid parking in remote or secluded streets whenever possible.

.... Leave only your ignition key when parking your car in a public lot. Do not leave your house key which could easily be copied.

Be aware. There is more to car safety than watching the other car -- watch yourself!

PERSONAL CRIME RESISTANCE
IN YOUR HOME

.....Are you unintentionally guilty of open invitations to burglary, assault or murder? Does your home or apartment say "Welcome" to the wrong kinds of people, without your realizing it? Many women are guilty of being "friendly" while their intentions are moral and good intentioned. Yet, "friendly" can be mistaken for "forward". A few simple precautions can be taken to avoid such misfortune.

....Have good, safe locks on all doors. Use auxiliary dead bolt locks on all exterior doors. Spring latch locks, the kind that snap shut when you close the door, are easily opened by burglary.

....Do not hide a key outside the door, under mats, flower pots, over moldings, etc. If you can hide it, a burglar can find it. If you want extra keys nearby, leave them with a trusted friend or neighbor.

....Lock the doors when you go out, even for just a minute. The best locks are useless if not locked.

....Never open your door to strangers. It is better to install a "peep hole" so that you can properly identify strangers before fully opening your door. It is proper to demand identification before opening your door.

....If a caller wants to use the phone to summon help or make an emergency call, take the message and make the call for him. If it was a ruse, he'll be gone when you get back. If a person becomes threatening, you have time to call the police.

....Do not display your name on a mailbox or plaque. Many burglars phone ahead to make sure a house or apartment is empty by simply looking up the name of their intended victim in the telephone book.

....Make sure glass, patio-type doors lock properly. They are a favorite entry point. A simple and effective way to lock them is to cut off an old broom handle to the proper length and fit it into the door

track to prevent the door from moving. Additionally, to prevent the sliding glass door from being lifted up and out of the track, it is suggested that for maximum security, a slide lock be affixed to the door.

....If you do not own a dog, please do. A barking dog is still one of the most effective burglar alarms. Burglars would rather go find another place to burgle than hassle with an angry dog.

....Leave outdoor lights on when you go away for the evening. Darkness is a burglar's best friend. When you are away during the day, keep your window shades up and you drapes open. It helps your neighbors see any suspicious movements inside your home.

....Close garage doors whether at home or away. Opened and empty usually indicates an empty home and often allows easy access to cellar or entryway, unseen from the street.

....Have effective window locks. The commonly used sash latch can be opened too easily with a knife from the outside. A safe and effective lock can be made by drilling through the top of the bottom window sash and the bottom of the top sash and inserting a small nail into the hole.

....Do not advertise. A note on your door saying you are not home is asking for trouble. Use your last name and initial only on door, mailbox, and in the telephone book.

....Store ladders inside. Do not leave them loose outside. If you cannot put it safely inside, lock it securely. Suggest your neighbors follow this rule concerning ladders also.

....Discontinue milk and newspapers and other normal deliveries if you will be away for an extended period of time. Ask a neighbor to pick up your mail.

....If you will be away from home after dark or on a vacation, connect a lamp to an automatic timer to turn a light on in the home and off each evening.

....Outside, you should have one of the automatic devices that turns on lights when dusk comes, otherwise your darkened yard will be noticed on weekends and during vacations. Statistics show that crime rates crumble in bright neighborhoods.

....Notify your Police Department when you will be leaving on a trip and how long you will be away.

....If you are to be away for any great length of time, arrange to have a friend mow your lawn and sweep your sidewalk once a week.

....Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your home, if you are to be away and instruct them to call the police if anything suspicious occurs.

....Remember to keep your shades down after dark and never dress in front of unprotected windows.

PERSONAL CRIME RESISTANCE ON THE TELEPHONE

.....Never give your name or telephone number to a caller until you have positively identified him. Hang up on people who act cute and will not identify themselves. If they say, "What number is this?", answer "What number did you wish?" and refuse to tell your number.

.....Caution your children about giving information concerning the family over the telephone.

....Never tell a caller that your husband is out of town. Tell him your husband is busy and ask the caller to leave a name and number where your husband can call back. If the caller refuses to leave a number and continues to call, notify the police immediately.

....Inform babysitters how to handle themselves on your telephone and what to do in unusual situations.

....Never allow yourself to be drawn into a conversation with an unknown caller, "survey taker", or census taker in which you reveal your

name, address, marital status, or anything to indicate that you are alone. Legitimate survey takers and census takers come to your door, with credentials

....Remember, if you get an obscene call, you can control the situation. Do not say a word. Do not listen. Hang up hard. If the caller persists, notify the police and the telephone company. Remember, a whistle blown into the receiver is a very good deterrant for obscene telephone calls.

....Remember, do not encourage the twisted mind by indulging him on the phone, by resorting to name calling or any conversation. To ignore him is the best defense, and if all else fails, change your telephone number.

PERSONAL CRIME RESISTANCE ON THE STREETS

....Do not walk on dark, poorly lit streets and stay near curb away from alleys, entryways, and bushes where someone could be hiding.

....Stay near people. Avoid shortcuts through parks, vacant lots and other deserted places.

....Avoid standing at bus stops at night if possible.

....If you feel someone is following you on foot, cross the street, change direction, vary your pace. If he persists, go to a lighted store or home as if that were your destination, or remove the receiver from a phone in a phone booth and dial the operator for emergency assistance.

....If you are being followed by someone in a car, turn around and walk in the other direction, go up a one-way street. If he persists, record his license number and call police. In the event he opens his car door, do the one thing least wanted or expected, scream as loudly as you can or utilize your personal sounding device and run.

....If you are being followed, don't go directly to your home. An unknown man trailing you might make note of your address for future use.

....Act suspicious. Keep looking behind you. This may discourage the follower.

....Don't be tempted to stop to pick up pocketbooks or other seemingly valuable objects lying on the sidewalk or in the roadway. These are often put out as "bait". Instead, report these to the police.

....Always carry enough money and change for telephone and emergency use. Never carry large amounts of cash or pay checks with you.

....Don't accept rides with strangers. If a driver stops to ask you directions, avoid getting too close to the car. You could be pulled inside.

....Hold you purse close, not dangling.

....Do not carry large sums of money, but if this is absolutely unavoidable, carry the money on your person rather than in your purse.

....Know where your purse is at all times. This includes such circumstances as placing your purse down in a grocery cart or while trying on shoes or clothes in a clothing booth.

....Do not leave your purse open and keep the clasp facing you when carrying it so that if it should open, it will open toward you.

....When your arms are full of shopping bags, place your purse carefully inside a bag.

....Carry at least some of the following articles in your purse, as they can mean the difference between life and death in the case of attack:

- ...Comb - raked across attacker's eyes;
- ...Nail file - jabbed into the stomach;
- ...Pen or pencil - jabbed into the stomach;
- ...Lipstick - rammed into the attacker's eyes;
- ...Can of hairspray - sprayed into attacker's eyes;
- ...Personal shrill alarm sounded loudly to attract attention;

....When you return to your home or apartment, have door key ready to open door without delay on returning.

....Leave outside light on when you leave your apartment or residence so you can easily see anyone who might be waiting for you when you return.

VACATION

When you go on vacation, make sure that crime doesn't travel along with you. Unless you take the proper precautions, crime can become an unpleasant part of your vacation. When the summer months arrive, criminals seem to work harder and the number of crime victims increases. To insure that you can fully enjoy your vacation, I'd like to suggest some strategies that should make you and your family less vulnerable to crime. Before you even leave home, however, make sure that your residence has that "occupied-at-the-moment" appearance while you are gone.

.... As you travel, try to avoid having that "I'm a tourist" look about your car. Vacationers' autos are frequently victimized because thieves know that travelers often leave valuables in their vehicles. Maps and travel brochures left on the dash and seats are telltale signs that the occupants of the car are on vacation.

.... Clothing hanging in a car or luggage on the back seat is an open invitation to car prowlers. Even though it only takes a thief a very short time to break into the trunk of a car, your spare clothing and luggage are safer in the trunk. Whenever possible, do not leave those items in your car while the vehicle is unattended.

.... Don't carry an excessive amount of cash. If it is necessary to travel with a large sum of money, don't display it openly.

.... Don't leave valuables in your hotel or motel room. Most lodging facilities will provide a safe place to secure your valuables while you are staying in their accommodations.

Be careful, not careless. Enjoy a carefree vacation.

This booklet was prepared with the cooperation of

Post #1, Little Rock, Arkansas, John Kelly, Commander; and the Office of Crime Resistance, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Clarence M. Kelley, Director.

Additional copies are available by writing:

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Clarence:

You are probably aware that our good friend Jim Watkins will be retiring from The American Legion National Headquarters staff after some eighteen years of faithful service, nearly sixteen years of which were spent as National Public Relations Director.

One of Jim's last official details with us will be the 1978 Washington Conference, February 20-23, and more specifically in connection with the Public Relations luncheon conducted in conjunction with the Conference and set for Tuesday, February 21.

We extend this invitation to join with friends of Jim in providing personal letters to him to be mounted in a book of letters and presented to him during the PR luncheon as a memento of his work with The American Legion and of his countless American Legion friends. These notes or letters should be mailed flat, and should be directed to the attention of [redacted] in the Indianapolis Public Relations office where the book of letters will be prepared. (Address the letter to Jim.)

If you wish to contribute to a fund to provide Jim and [redacted] with a retirement gift, we would suggest that no contribution should exceed \$5, and checks can be made payable to American Legion National Headquarters -- Watkins Fund, and routed through the Indianapolis Public Relations Office, Attention: [redacted] for forwarding to the finance offices. All contributions also should be in Indianapolis by February 13.

Please do not route any correspondence or contributions through the Washington Public Relations office as we would like to make this a surprise gesture of our esteem for Jim and [redacted]

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. James C. Watkins
The American Legion
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

I have just learned that you are planning to retire from your position with The American Legion in the near future, and I wanted to add my best wishes to the many others I know you will be receiving.

Your assistance to the FBI, not only during my tenure as Director but for many years prior thereto, is deeply appreciated by all of us in the FBI. As you leave The American Legion, you can take great pride in your many contributions, not only to the Legion but also to your country.

You have my every wish for much happiness, good health, and every success in your retirement.

Sincerely, **EX-130**

Clarence M. Kelley
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Honorable Robert Charles ~~Smith~~
National Commander
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have received a copy of the resolution passed by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in support of the FBI and wanted to express my personal appreciation to you and the members of the Committee. The FBI has indeed been fortunate to have had the support of The American Legion over the years and it affords us a great deal of encouragement to know that an organization which is representative of such a cross section of our citizenry approves of our efforts.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster

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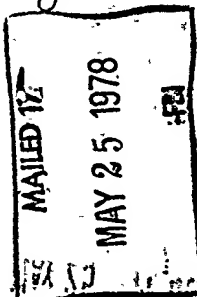
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May 26, 1978

OUTSIDE SOURCE

The Honorable William H. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Webster:

Girls Nation, our annual youth training course in the processes of Federal Government, will be held at The American University from July 8 to 15, 1978.

These 100 high school juniors will convene as a miniature United States Senate. After they have mastered the procedures of the Senate, they will hold party conventions, campaigns and an election, and the winning party will form an administration in which there will be an office comparable to yours. The girl who holds this office will want to learn its primary functions as well as possible in the limited time available. It's our challenge to help her.

Before we print the official list of counterparts in the Girls Nation Handbook, we would like to be certain that we have all names, offices, titles and addresses in the correct form. If the inside address of this letter is in any way incorrect, would you please let us know as soon as possible.

Your cooperation in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

MRS. ALVIN MOLTZEN
National President

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GIRLS STATE AND GIRLS NATION

Girls State, culminated by Girls Nation, is the youth citizenship training program conducted annually by the American Legion Auxiliary to give high school juniors practical experience in the processes of government and thus a clear understanding of their approaching citizenship responsibilities.

GIRLS STATE SESSIONS, sponsored by 51 state and territorial Departments of the American Legion Auxiliary, are held each June or July in State capitals or on centrally located campuses in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. There, high school juniors, chosen with the aid of their school principals for qualities of leadership, set up their own miniature city, county and state government and learn to administer them according to the rules and procedures set by actual state and local law. They learn by "doing" it.

From Girls State, two Senators are selected to represent their constituents at GIRLS NATION, sponsored in the Nation's Capital in July by the National Organization of the American Legion Auxiliary.

GIRLS NATION, in its first three days, organizes political parties, the "Nationalists" and the "Federalists", holds national conventions for the nomination of candidates, climaxes campaigns with a "national election" and installs the winners in office.

From this point on, Girls Nation moves in a dual role: As a Senate, which meets to enact legislation, and also as a government administration, complete with elected and appointed officials. Girls Nation then visits the White House and learns firsthand how the federal government functions through briefing sessions on Capitol Hill and at various Government Departments, including those of State and Defense.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities for 1977-1978.

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On Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1964, the American Legion Auxiliary received one of the four top Americana Awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge honoring its 1963 Girls Nation Program. Other Girls Nation Programs have helped to win similar George Washington Honor Medals, including the ones in 1971 and 1972. In 1977, the Joint Bicentennial Session of Boys and Girls Nation won its Distinguished Service Award.

OUTSIDE SOURCE

June 6, 1978

Honorable Robert Charles Smith
National Commander
The American Legion
Post Office Box 1055
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear Mr. Smith:

I certainly appreciate your invitation to attend the Sixtieth Annual National Convention of The American Legion in New Orleans beginning on August 20th. It would indeed be a pleasure to join you, but a commitment already confirmed in another part of the country will make it impossible for me to be in New Orleans on those dates. I regret this situation exists, and hope your Convention is a great success.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster

William H. Webster
Director

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May 17, 1978

Judge William H. Webster
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Judge Webster:

○ AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL

The 60th National Convention of The American Legion will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 18-24, 1978. Approximately 300 members of the National Security Commission will meet on Saturday, August 19, to hear briefings on subjects of interest to the Commission. As you may be aware, law and order has been a subject of vital concern to this organization. Accordingly, I am pleased to invite Assistant Director Donald W. Moore, Jr. to address the National Security Commission at 10:35 a.m. at the New Orleans Hilton.

We would be pleased to have him attend as many of our convention functions as his schedule will permit. The "Musical Spectacular" will be held at the Superdome on Sunday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m. The National Convention parade will take place on Monday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Moore will be designated a distinguished guest and will receive a personal invitation from National Commander Robert Charles Smith to attend the National Commander's banquet on August 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Please advise me if any audio-visual equipment will be needed in connection with his presentation. Also, for publicity and introductory purposes, may we have two glossy photographs and biographies. If a prepared text is to be used, may we have two copies.

I know Assistant Director Moore's appearance will be one of the highlights of this session of the National Security Commission.

DONALD W. MOORE, JR.
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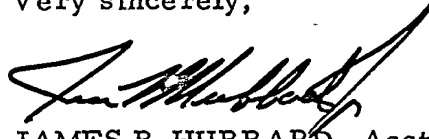
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Chairman Frank Kane and I would be honored to have him ,
attend.

Very sincerely,



JAMES B. HUBBARD, Asst. Dir.
National Security-Foreign
Relations Division

JBH/jbb

June 6, 1978

Mr. James B. Hubbard
Assistant Director
National Security-Foreign Relations
Division
The American Legion
1508 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

OUTSIDE SOURCE

AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

Your letter of May 17th has been received and, as you requested, it is a pleasure to advise that Assistant Director Donald W. Moore, Jr., is available on August 19th to address the National Security Commission of The American Legion in New Orleans. He is looking forward to being with you and I am enclosing two copies of his biographical sketch and photograph for your use.

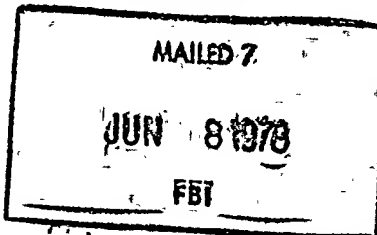
In response to your inquiries, Mr. Moore appreciates your invitation to attend many of the convention functions; however, his schedule will only permit his appearance on August 19th. He does not plan to have a prepared text and no audio-visual equipment will be required for his appearance.

You may contact Mr. Moore directly here at FBI Headquarters, telephone number 324-4260, to work out any further details.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster

William H. Webster
Director



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2 biographical sketches and photographs of Assistant Director Moore

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Mr. James B. Hubbard

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TO : Mr. Boynton *AB*

DATE: 7/31/78

FROM : T. B. Coll *TBC*

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 18-24, 1978
FBI REPRESENTATION

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that SA Thomas B. Coll, who is the approved liaison representative with the American Legion, be permitted to attend the above captioned convention.

DETAILS:

The National Convention of the American Legion will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, beginning on August 18 and extending through August 24. Approximately 40,000 Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary are expected to attend this convention. Some 5,000 official delegates will be in attendance. *JS*

The National Convention is, of course, the governing body of the American Legion and all important mandates emanate from the convention. Past experience has shown that numerous resolutions considered at these conventions have a direct bearing on the FBI and the FBI's relations with other agencies in the law enforcement and intelligence communities. The Bureau has, over the past 25 years, maintained a liaison with the American Legion and has designated Bureau representatives to attend the Legion's National Convention and other national meetings.

SA Coll, of the Office of Public Affairs, is the Bureau's liaison representative with the American Legion and also the National Commander's Representative of the National Americanism Commission. SA Coll has received an official call

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RE: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION

from the national organization and, therefore, the cost of his transportation to and from the convention will be paid by the American Legion.

RECOMMENDATION:

That SA Thomas B. Coll be authorized to attend captioned convention in a liaison capacity.

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TO : The Director

DATE: 9/27/78

FROM : H. A. Boynton, Jr.

SUBJECT: JOHN M. CAREY
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION
REQUESTS TO MEET MR. WEBSTER ON
EITHER OCTOBER 10, OCTOBER 11,
OR ANY TIME DURING THE PERIOD
NOVEMBER 13 THROUGH NOVEMBER 21

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PURPOSE:

To convey the ^{National} request of the National Commander of The American Legion to pay a courtesy call on Director Webster on either October 10, or October 11 (afternoon), or any time during the period of November 13 through November 21.

DETAILS:

Over the years it has been customary for the newly elected National Commander of The American Legion to pay a courtesy call on the Director shortly after his election. Fred Woodworth, Director, National Public Relations Commission, has advised that the newly elected Commander, John M. Carey, will be in Washington on Tuesday, October 10, and Wednesday, October 11, and also during the period of November 13 through November 21; and, if possible, would like to call on Mr. Webster on one of those days. Mr. Woodworth indicated that he would be available at any time convenient to the Director with the exception of the morning hours of October 11.

Mr. Carey of Grand Blanc, Michigan, was elected the new National Commander for the Legion year 1978-1979. He is a veteran of World War II, a graduate of Central

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RE: JOHN M. CAREY, NATIONAL COMMANDER

Michigan University, and is presently employed as a Department Superintendent with the General Motors Corporation in Flint, Michigan. In addition to his American Legion activities, he has served four years as Mayor of Grand Blanc and has been active in numerous civic organizations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Director Webster indicate whether he will be able to meet with Commander Carey on any of the dates set forth above.

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TO : H. A. Boynton

DATE: 9/8/78

FROM : T. B. Coll

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 18 - 24, 1978

NATIONAL

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize captioned convention and set forth matters of interest to the Bureau.

RESOLUTIONS:

Twelve resolutions calling for the full support of the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency were consolidated into three resolutions (copies attached). These resolutions called upon The American Legion to strengthen its support of the FBI in the lawful pursuit of its mission to protect the lives and property of all Americans; that The American Legion reaffirm its support for the FBI as it continues its legal and proper program of surveillance and reporting upon parties, groups, and individuals whose acts are inimical to the domestic security of the United States; and that The American Legion reaffirms its complete confidence in the capability, integrity and indispensable need for continued excellent service of the FBI and the CIA. It directed in certain of the resolutions that copies be sent to the President of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Director of the FBI, and the Director of the CIA with a view of giving all possible aid and encouragement to the personnel of the FBI and the CIA in carrying out their vital mission of protecting the security of the United States, particularly at this state of world history which reflects the spread of communism and the subversion of freedom.

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RE: THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

Other resolutions of interest called for the re-establishment of the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security and the House Internal Security Subcommittee, encouraged Congress to provide staff and funds in both houses for such committees; condemned the American Nazi movement in the United States and reaffirmed its position of requesting loyalty, security requirements for employment by the federal government. The convention also adopted resolutions calling upon the Congress to prepare necessary legislation to give the FBI, the CIA, and other law enforcement agencies the necessary mandates to protect the people of our country from the international terrorist threat; called upon the Carter Administration to further develop an overall strategy for dealing with the various kinds of threats posed by terrorists and have Congress appropriate funds for the training of special forces to cope with terrorists. The convention called upon the Congress to amend the Freedom of Information Act to protect sensitive information and data that could damage the national interests of the United States and passed a resolution opposing any actions to establish cooperative policies with Cuba until there is tangible evidence of sufficient duration to determine that the Cuban government is prepared to maintain friendly relations with the United States and is no longer involved in communist aggression. Other resolutions of interest dealt with illegal aliens, child pornography, and law and order. During this particular convention The American Legion, in expressing its desire for more emphasis on law and order, has established a standing commission to deal with resolutions and other matters pertaining to law and order.

CONVENTION EVENTS AND FEATURES:

During the report to the convention by Daniel J. O'Conner, Chairman of the Americanism Commission, Mr. O'Conner emphatically expressed the commissions concern for the weakening of the intelligence services of the United States because of the continued assault, particularly on the work of the FBI and the CIA. He stated "It is impossible to apprehend and arrest criminal conspirators without the assistance of informants who are either a part of a conspiracy or who have engaged in planning or actually participating in acts inimical to the security of the United States. Because of these assaults, informant sources are drying up, making the work extremely difficult. Constructive criticism is understandable and acceptable but efforts to emasculate the indispensable services of our intelligence agencies are destructive of the very purpose for which the American people authorized their creation and continued existence.

T. B. Coll to Mr. Boynton
RE: THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

The American Legion Fourth Estate Awards were awarded to Mr. Milton Coniff and Mr. Mort Walker, both syndicated cartoonists. The American Legion's Distinguished Service Award, which has been presented to numerous Presidents of the United States, government leaders, members of Congress, and several other dignitaries, was presented to Bowie K. Kuhn, Commissioner of Baseball.

Among those addressing the convention were General Bernard W. Rogers, United States Army Chief of Staff; Congressman Olin E. Teague of Texas; Otto Wick, Assistant to the Publisher, San Antonio Light; Congressman Ray Roberts of Texas; Congresswoman Lindy Boggs of Louisiana; Congressman John B. Breax of Louisiana; Max Cleland, Administrator, Veterans Administration; Dr. Thomas E. Nesbitt, President of the American Medical Association; Edgar Allen Poe, Washington Bureau Chief, New Orleans Times Picayune; Congressman Eldon Rudd, (former FBI Agent) of Arizona; and Senator Alan Cranston. Numerous individuals connected with the print and electronic media and various government organizations also addressed various committees and commissions during the convention including Mr. John F. Blake, Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency, Major General John Singlaub, United States Army, (Retired), and George Healy, Retired Publisher of the New Orleans Times Picayune. It should be noted that Assistant Director Donald W. Moore, Jr., spoke before a session of the National Security Commission of the American Legion consisting of approximately 500 delegates to the convention on the roll of the FBI in today's society with emphasis on our priority investigations. Mr. Moore's remarks were apparently very well received as I received numerous favorable comments concerning his appearance.

NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER:

Mr. John M. "Jack" Carey of Grand Blanc, Michigan, was elected the new National Commander for the Legion year 1978 - 1979. Mr. Carey, a veteran of World War II, is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is presently a Department Superintendent with the General Motors Corporation in Flint, Michigan. He has been active in The American Legion since 1948, has served four terms as Mayor of Grand Blanc and has been active in numerous civic organizations. Mr. Carey is personally known to SA Coll and is an outspoken strong supporter of the FBI. LA

T. B. Coll to Mr. Boynton
RE: THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to newly elected national Commander Carey and that his name be added to the Bureau's mailing list.

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WHEREAS, There exist in the United States groups whose clear and avowed mission is the overthrow of our free institutions and our form of government; and

WHEREAS, From time to time groups or individuals plan and engage in terroristic acts which are harmful to people and property, and have as their purpose to embarrass and discredit the United States or intimidate its leaders or its citizens or to accomplish some other illegal objective; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 22, 23, 24, 1978, that The American Legion reaffirm its support for the F.B.I. as it continues its legal and proper program of surveillance and reporting upon parties, groups and individuals whose actions are inimical to the domestic security of the United States; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we request the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States to assign Members and staff and provide funds and resources in both the Senate and the House specifically to investigate the activities of subversive groups, organizations and individuals which are a threat to the security of the United States: the activity which was performed by the former Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee and by the House Internal Security Committee.

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WHEREAS, A United States, not protected by confident, vigilant, professional internal and external intelligence services, would be a blind victim of future events and forces both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Confidentiality and mutual trust among intelligence agents and sources is the basis for successful intelligence operations; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency, both charged with the protection and preservation of the security of the United States since their inception, have served with distinction and honor in carrying out this vital mission; and

WHEREAS, In the course of discharging of their obligations to their superiors, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have been subjected to harsh and severe criticism resulting in undermining employee morale and impeding progress of the agencies in carrying out their traditional and lawful goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 22, 23, 24, 1978, that we reaffirm our complete confidence in the capability, integrity and indispensable need for continued excellent service of the FBI and the CIA; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, the Director of the FBI, and the Director of the CIA with a view to giving all possible aid and encouragement to the personnel of these agencies in carrying out their vital mission of protecting the security of the United States, particularly at this state of world history which reflects the spread of Communism and subversion of freedom.

WHEREAS, The American Legion has repeatedly and consistently supported the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its lawful mission of combatting crime and subversion; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation has rendered excellent public service in protecting American lives and property; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion from the instant of its birth has been committed to government under the United States Constitution and realizes that Justice Arthur Goldberg stated the truth when he wrote that "The Constitution protects against invasion of individual rights" and "it is not a suicide pact"; and

WHEREAS, The effect of certain reporting by news media has adversely affected the morale of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and law enforcement generally; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 22, 23, 24, 1978, that The American Legion strengthen its support of the FBI in the lawful pursuit of its mission to protect the lives and property of all Americans; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States, the President of the United States Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, advising them of our concern.

OUTSIDE SOURCE

September 21, 1978

Honorable John M. Carey
National Commander
The American Legion
Post Office Box 1055
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear Mr. Carey:

I want to take this opportunity to extend to you my most heartfelt congratulations on your election as National Commander of The American Legion for the year 1978-1979.

Members of The American Legion can take great pride in having men of your stature active in this fine organization. I am deeply grateful for the confidence which The American Legion has expressed in the FBI over the years and for the strong stand which it has taken on the need for respect for law in our society.

Please do not hesitate to call upon me in the event I can be of any assistance to you during your tenure of office. My associates join me in extending to you every wish for a most successful year.

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Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
William H. Webster
Director

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September 28, 1978
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Mr. William H. Webster
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Webster:

Thank you for your letter of congratulations on my election as National Commander of The American Legion. Your good wishes and thoughtful offer of assistance are greatly appreciated.

The American Legion values the excellent relationship which has long existed between the FBI and our organization. I look forward to a continuation of this fine relationship during my administration. Most certainly, we assure you of our continued support in your efforts to protect the internal security of our country.

Sincerely,

John M. Carey
JOHN M. CAREY
National Commander

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Reply would be
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TO : Homer A. Boynton, Jr.

DATE: 10/4/78

FROM : Thomas B. Coll

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
OCTOBER 16 - 19, 1978

PURPOSE:

To recommend that SA Thomas B. Coll, who is the approved liaison representative with The American Legion, be authorized to attend the above captioned meeting.

DETAILS:

The semiannual meeting of the National Executive Committee and Commissions of The American Legion will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 16 - 19, 1978. SA Coll, who is the National Commander's representative to the National Americanism Commission and the Bureau's liaison representative to The American Legion, has received an official call to attend these meetings.

These meetings will consider a number of resolutions which, because of their delicate nature, were referred from the National Convention and will have to be acted upon. Many of these resolutions deal with matters in the internal security field and other areas of interest to the Bureau.

In view of the fact that SA Coll has received an official call from the Legion to attend these meetings, the cost of his transportation to and from Indianapolis will be paid by the legion.

RECOMMENDATION:

That SA Coll, who is the approved liaison representative with The American Legion, be authorized to attend the above meeting.

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

Hon. William H. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Director:

The American Legion has reaffirmed its statement of support for the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation by adoption of Resolution No. 444 during our National Convention in New Orleans, August 22-24, 1978. A copy of the Resolution has been presented to President Carter for his attention.

Delegates to our convention emphatically expressed their concern about weakening of intelligence services for the protection of the United States by reason of continued assault on the work that should be accomplished by the CIA and FBI.

We are enclosing a copy of the Resolution as a matter of information to you and to your office. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Frank C. Momsen
FRANK C. MOMSEN
National Adjutant

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National Commander Carey
Ray Patterson
Daniel O'Connor

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RESOLUTION

National Headquarters, The American Legion

Sixtieth Annual National Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana
August 22, 23, 24, 1978

Resolution No. 444

Subject REAFFIRMATION OF AMERICAN LEGION SUPPORT OF THE CIA AND FBI

Referred to Committee on AMERICANISM

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WHEREAS, A United States, not protected by confident, vigilant, professional internal and external intelligence services, would be a blind victim of future events and forces both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Confidentiality and mutual trust among intelligence agents and sources is the basis for successful intelligence operations; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency, both charged with the protection and preservation of the security of the United States since their inception, have served with distinction and honor in carrying out this vital mission; and

WHEREAS, In the course of discharging of their obligations to their superiors, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have been subjected to harsh and severe criticism resulting in undermining employee morale and impeding progress of the agencies in carrying out their traditional and lawful goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 22, 23, 24, 1978, that we reaffirm our complete confidence in the capability, integrity and indispensable need for continued excellent service of the FBI and the CIA; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forearded to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Director of the FBI and the Director of the CIA with a view to giving all possible aid and encouragement to the personnel of these agencies in carrying out their vital mission of protecting the security of the United States, particularly at this state of world history which reflects the spread of Communism and subversion of freedom.

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(Chairman or Secretary)

This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted by our Department Convention but with indicated national action substituted for local resolving clause.

(Signed)

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 26, 1978

The attached Resolution was sent
to you by The American Legion,
National Headquarters, Post Office
Box 1055, Indianapolis, Indiana
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The American Legion



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January 8, 1

Mr. William H. Webster
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Judge Webster:

On February 21, 1979, the Public Relations Commission of The American Legion will hold a luncheon in conjunction with its annual Washington Conference. This luncheon will take place at 12:15 p.m. in the Presidential Ballroom of the Capital Hilton Hotel, with a reception to precede the luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Federal Room and Capital Terrace.

It would be a great honor for us to have you attend and represent the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the head table at this event. Prominent military, business and government representatives will be seated at the head table. Our program will be brief and consists of a presentation to General Maxwell D. Taylor in connection with the Pershing Memorial Museum Development Fund, and the presentation of the National Commander's Public Relations Award to James H. Webb, who has authored the best-seller, "Fields of Fire," a fictional novel dealing with the Vietnam War. Mr. Webb, an Annapolis graduate, was one of the U.S. Marine Corps' most highly decorated Marines during that conflict, is currently a counsel to the Veterans' Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives, and will soon be accepting a position as a professor of English at the U.S. Naval Academy.

As an FBI retiree, I am fully cognizant of the constant demands upon your time, but would be most appreciative if you are able to attend. You will not be called upon to speak, but would be introduced with the rest of the head table.

In the event that your commitments are such that it is impossible for you to accept this invitation, I would be grateful if you would extend same to your Associate Director, James B. Adams.

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Sincerely,

[Signature Box]

Director
National Public Relations Division

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W
[Redacted]
National Public Relations Division
The American Legion
1500 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. [Redacted]:

I am pleased to accept your invitation to attend the Public Relations Commission of The American Legion's luncheon on February 21, 1979. I am looking forward to the occasion and appreciate your thinking of me.

Sincerely yours,
William H. Webster

William H. Webster
EX-Director

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NOTE: Acceptance per Director, [Redacted] is a former Special Agent who EOD on 1/15/59 and CAD on 4/28/78.

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APPROVED:

Adm. Serv. _____

Legal Coun. _____

FE: [Signature]

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TO : Mr. Boynton

DATE: 4/10/79

FROM : T. B. Coll

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 1979

PURPOSE:

To recommend that SA Thomas B. Coll, who is the approved liaison representative with The American Legion, and SA [redacted] of the Records Management Division be authorized to attend the above-captioned meeting. *General*

DETAILS:

The semiannual meeting of the National Executive Committee and Commissions of The American Legion will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 30 - May 2, 1979. SA Coll, who is the National Commander's representative to The Americanism Commission and the Bureau's liaison representative to The American Legion, has received an official call to attend these meetings. Having received an official call, the cost of his transportation to and from Indianapolis will be paid by the Legion.

It is being recommended that SA [redacted] of the Records Management Division accompany SA Coll to this particular meeting. It should be noted that SA Coll, who has handled liaison responsibilities with the Legion and other veteran's organizations over the past 16 years, will be eligible to retire from the Bureau this summer. Although SA Coll has no definite plans of retiring in the immediate future, it is believed that it would be highly desirable to have SA [redacted] accompany SA Coll to this meeting in order for him to become acquainted with the operations of the National Organization of The American Legion, its National Headquarters, and to personally become acquainted with the top level leaders of The American Legion.

1 - Mr. McDermott

1 - Mr. Bassett

1 - Mr. Boynton

1 - Mr. Coll

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SEE LEGAL COUNSEL ADDENDUM - PAGE 5 & 6

SEE ADDENDUM OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION -- Page 4.

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Memo Coll to Boynton

RE: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 1979

SA [] entered on duty April 12, 1965, and is the Section Chief of the Correspondence and Uniform Crime Reporting Section in the GS-16 level. He is active in American Legion activities on a post and state level and will undoubtedly be the Commander of the FBI Legion post for the year 1979-1980. He possesses a good personality, is amiable, establishes excellent rapport with individuals, is an excellent speaker, and has received many laudatory comments from individuals connected with groups outside the Bureau before which he has appeared. It is felt that if the need arose he could handle liaison with The American Legion and other veteran organizations in an outstanding manner.

The National Executive meeting in Indianapolis will consider a number of resolutions which, because of their delicate nature, were referred from the National Convention and the October Executive Committee meeting which will have to be acted upon. Many of these resolutions deal with matters in the internal security field and other areas of interest in the public domain relating to the Bureau.

It is believed that it is highly desirable to continue our liaison with The American Legion as past experience has shown that many matters arising at these meetings are directly related to the mission of the FBI. On numerous occasions the Bureau representative has been called upon to appear before the Law and Order Committee to present the Bureau's position on certain matters relating to law and order. The Bureau representative is also called upon to discuss the FBI's Crime Resistance Program as The American Legion has adopted this program on a national level. Additionally, numerous resolutions are presented to the Executive Committee relating to the internal security field which are directly related to the FBI and members are desirous of hearing the Bureau's posture on matters relating to the internal security of the country. As an example, at last October's meeting a resolution was presented quoting former Director Clarence M. Kelley on the topic of Soviet diplomats in the United States. This resolution would have been adopted had it not been for the presence of the Bureau representative who pointed out various errors in the resolution and recommended that the resolution be held for further study.

Memo Coll to Boynton

RE: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 1979

The passage of such a resolution could have resulted in publicity which would have erroneously set forth the Bureau's position on the number of Soviet diplomats in the United States. The Bureau's representative is also called upon on numerous occasions at these meetings to speak before various commissions or committees concerning the Bureau's posture on a variety of topics.

RECOMMENDATION:

That SA Coll, who is the approved liaison representative with The American Legion and SA be authorized to attend the above meeting.

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DCK csa.

ADDENDUM OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION DCR:csa 4/17/79

It is the opinion of the ASD that the facts set forth in the attached memorandum do not satisfy the budgetary criteria that would enable payment of the requested expenses, i.e., mission related, government business.

RECOMMENDATION: That this matter be referred to Legal Counsel Division for concurrence as to the legal basis to pay travel expense for this meeting.

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Memorandum T. B. Coll to Mr. Boynton
Re: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 1979

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ADDENDUM: LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION (LCD), EPK:blb, 4/24/79

Administrative Services Division (ASD) has requested Legal Counsel Division's (LCD) comments as to the legal basis for using appropriated funds to pay for travel expenses incurred by [] in attending the American Legion Conference from April 30 - May 2 in Indianapolis. Title 5, United States Code (USC), Section 4110 provides:

"Appropriations available to an agency for travel expenses are available for expenses of attendance at meetings which are concerned with the functions or activities for which the appropriation is made or which will contribute to improved conduct, supervision, or management of the functions or activities."

Basically, this statute allows the use of appropriated funds for travel to conferences in two situations. The first situation is where attendance at the conference will further the agency's mission. The second situation is where the attending employee's management or other skills will be improved due to his attendance at the conference.

LCD interprets this statute to be broad enough so that the use of appropriated funds to pay for [] travel expenses would not be prohibited, assuming that his attendance will somehow further the Bureau's mission, or in the alternative, will improve his ability to carry out his assigned duties. Whether either of these criteria is applicable is not strictly a legal question, and is more within the purview of ASD and Records Management Division.

(CONTINUED-OVER)

Memorandum T. B. Coll to Mr. Boynton
Re: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 1979

RECOMMENDATION: That Records Management Division determine if attendance would further the Bureau's mission or improve his ability to carry out his assigned duties, and communicate its views to ASD. *RFP*

JH

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ADDENDUM Records Management Division *HAZ/lge* 4/25/79

The American Legion is a national organization with a broad based constituency which is influential in national affairs. This memo sets forth our basic relationship and the rationale for that relationship. The potential retirement of SA Coll could leave a vacuum in the FBI's liaison with this group which could be detrimental to the FBI's mission. In addition to examples cited in this memo, it is a matter of record that the American Legion performed an outstanding service to this Bureau in widely publicizing the Bureau's interest in the Patty Hearst kidnapping; a service not to be readily obtained without the close working affiliation effected by our liaison. This and other examples could be noted. It is believed that the transition of liaison responsibility from SA Coll to SA [] must be prepared for at this time to insure there is no interruption in the relationship if we are to continue to seek the support of the American Legion in fulfillment of our mission.

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June 21, 1979

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Honorable John H. Carey
National Commander
The American Legion
Post Office Box 1055
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear Mr. Carey:

I appreciate your invitation to attend the Sixty-first Annual National Convention of the American Legion in Houston beginning on August 19. It would be a pleasure to join you, but my schedule of commitments will not permit it.

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I regret this situation exists and hope your Convention is a great success.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster

William H. Webster
V-34 Director

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NOTE: Invitation declined per Director. Bufiles reflect nothing to preclude this response.

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ENCLOSURE

National Commander John M. Carey
requests the pleasure of your company
as a Distinguished Guest at the
Sixty-first Annual National Convention of
The American Legion
Houston, Texas

August nineteenth to twenty-third
Nineteen hundred and seventy-nine

R S. V P.

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J.E. Blj

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

I accept the National Commander's invitation to attend the
61st National Convention of The American Legion in Houston,
Texas. My wife will _____ will not _____ attend.

I regret I cannot attend _____.

I request assistance in obtaining the following accommodations
at the Headquarters Hotel, the Hyatt Regency.

Single _____ Double _____ Twin _____ Suite _____

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I have made other arrangements to be housed at _____

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The American Legion
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My travel schedule in connection with attendance at The American Legion National Convention in Houston, Texas is as follows:

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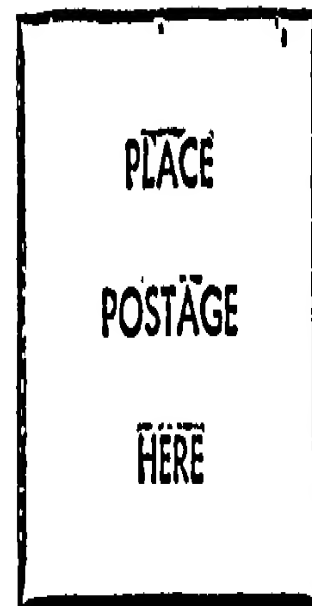
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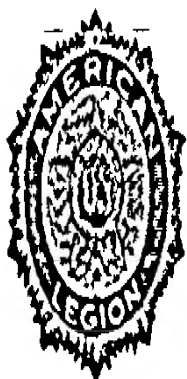
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National Adjutant
The American Legion
P. O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206



I am delighted you plan to attend our 61st National Convention in Houston. Convention credentials will be held in your name by our Distinguished Guests Committee which will maintain its headquarters in Suite 741, Hyatt Regency Hotel. You may pick them up there at your convenience, beginning August 18.

Please fill in and return the enclosed postal card, indicating the functions you plan to attend, and function tickets will be prepared for you. For those not living in the Houston area, a postal card for travel information is also enclosed. Complete by indicating your name and address, your time of arrival and departure, and mode of transportation.

*John M. Carey
National Commander*

The American Legion



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October 10, 1979
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10-17-79
The Honorable Judge William H. Webster
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington Field Office
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Bill:

Because of the close ties between the FBI and The American Legion, I thought you would be interested in knowing that I have been named National Public Relations Director. I succeeded Fred Woodworth, who had been with the Bureau a number of years before his retirement.

The American Legion has moved the Public Relations Director's job to National Headquarters in Indianapolis, but is maintaining a Public Relations office at our building on "K" Street N.W.

I hope it will be possible to come by and say "hello" on one of my monthly visits to our Washington office. Last Friday I accompanied our National Commander Frank I. Hamilton when he called on President Carter at the White House.

Best Regards,

Fry
FRED A. WOODRESS
Director
Public Relations

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October 15, 1979

Mr. Fred A. ~~Woodress~~
Director
Public Relations
The American Legion
National Headquarters
Post Office Box 1055
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

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AMERICAN Legion-NATIONAL

Dear Fred ~~Woodress~~

Thanks for your letter of October 10th. Congratulations on your new appointment. I look forward to seeing you on one of your monthly visits to Washington.

Incidentally, I am going to Jefferson City, Missouri, November 3rd to receive a distinguished service award from the Missouri Department of the Legion. I'm looking forward to the occasion.

I hope you are enjoying Indianapolis. I saw your Headquarters building when I was in the city about a year ago. Warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

15/ Bill

William H. Webster
Director

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THE FOLLOWING IS A RELEASE THE AMERICAN LEGION IS SENDING TO ALL
ITS NEWS SOURCES. PLEASE NOTE PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH 4.
SUBJECT SUMMARY: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL COMMANDER CALLS
STATE OF UNION MESSAGE "STRONG, FORCEFUL, NECESSARY."

INDIANAPOLIS--THE AMERICAN LEGION VIEWS PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATE
OF THE UNION MESSAGE AS A "STRONG, FORCEFUL AND NECESSARY DEC-
LARATION OF UNITED STATES INTENT TO PROTECT ITS VITAL INTERESTS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND PARTICULARLY IN THE OIL-RICH MIDDLE
EAST."

THIS WAS THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE OF AMERICAN
LEGION NATIONAL COMMANDER FRANK I. HAMILTON OF GREENSBURG, IND.,
WHO PLEDGED THE SUPPORT OF THE NATION'S LARGEST VETERANS ORGAN-
IZATION TO THE PRESIDENT IN HIS SHARP WARNING TO THE SOVIET
UNION IN ITS APPARENT EFFORT TO THREATEN THE FREE MOVEMENT OF
MIDDLE EAST OIL, THE INITIAL STEP HAVING BEEN THE INVASION OF
AFGHANISTAN.

"THE PRESIDENTIAL CALL FOR A RESUMPTION OF REGISTRATION UNDER THE
SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM IS A PART OF A MOVE WHICH THE AMERICAN
LEGION HAS LONG ADVOCATED AS IT HAS BEEN EVIDENT FOR SOME TIME
THAT THE CONCEPT OF THE ALL VOLUNTEER ARMED FORCES IS NOT
PROVIDING THE NECESSARY PERSONNEL FOR THE SERVICES," COMMANDER
HAMILTON SAID.

"THE AMERICAN LEGION," HE SAID, "IS ON RECORD CALLING FOR ADEQUATE
FUNDING FOR RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPLETELY OPERATIONAL,
INDEPENDENT SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM, INCLUDING REGISTRATION,
CLASSIFICATION, PHYSICALS AND PRESIDENTIAL INDUCTION AUTHORITY,
WHICH TAKES US SEVERAL STEPS BEYOND THE MEASURES OUTLINED BY THE
PRESIDENT," HE CONTINUED.

"SINCE TAKING OFFICE AS NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
LAST AUGUST, I HAVE CALLED ATTENTION TO WHAT I BELIEVED TO BE A
CRISIS OF CREDIBILITY ON THE PART OF OUR GOVERNMENT. THE STATE
OF THE UNION MESSAGE GOES FAR TO HELP ELIMINATE THAT CREDIBILITY
GAP."

WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS RECOGNIZED
THE NEED FOR BEEFING UP OUR ARMED FORCES. DEVELOPMENT OF
AMERICAN MILITARY POWER HAS BEEN NEGLECTED OVER A PERIOD OF
YEARS, DURING WHICH TIME THE SOVIET UNION HAS INCREASED ITS
MILITARY SPENDING TO EXPAND ITS ARMED FORCES AND IMPROVE ITS
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"WE WOULD HOPE THAT THERE MAY NEVER BE ANY NEED TO USE THE MIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES OR TO COMMIT YOUNG AMERICANS TO COMBAT, BUT IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BASIC PREMISE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION THAT THE ROAD TO PEACE IS THROUGH PREPAREDNESS AND IT SEEMS THAT THIS IS THE ROUTE PRESIDENT CARTER NOW INTENDS TO TRAVEL."

COMMANDER HAMILTON ALSO EXPRESSED AMERICAN LEGION SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR REMOVAL OF SOME OF THE RESTRAINTS ON OUR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE FBI AND THE CIA TO DO THE JOB FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE--NAMESLY PROVIDING INTELLIGENCE ON OUR ENEMIES. "WE ALWAYS HAVE CONTENTED OUR GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ONLY THE RIGHT, BUT THE RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW WHO OUR ENEMIES ARE, WHERE THEY ARE, AND WHAT THEIR INTENTIONS AND CAPABILITIES ARE. THIS IS ESSENTIAL TO A MEANINGFUL SYSTEM OF NATIONAL SECURITY."

"WE HOPE THE MEASURES OUTLINED BY THE PRESIDENT, PARTICULARLY THE PROMISE OF A MILITARY RESPONSE TO THE SOVIETS, IF THEY SHOULD THREATEN THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE FREE WORLD, WILL NEVER HAVE TO BE BROUGHT INTO PLAY--BUT WE ARE FAR BETTER OFF IF WE ARE PREPARED THAN IF WE ARE NOT."

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FRED A. WOODRESS
NATIONAL DIRECTOR
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February 4, 1980

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Mr. Fred A. Woodress
National Director
Public Relations
The American Legion *NATIONAL*
National Headquarters
Post Office Box 1055
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear Fred:

I deeply appreciate your furnishing me a copy of the American Legion's release concerning President Carter's State of the Union address. We in the FBI are proud of the close ties which exist between our organizations, and your continued support means a great deal to us.

Foreign counterintelligence is one of our top investigative priorities and the responsibility for detecting and neutralizing hostile intelligence efforts in this country is one of our most demanding duties. We exert every effort to protect the internal security of the United States in compliance of the guidelines set by the Department of Justice, and we will be ever diligent in handling our responsibilities in this important field.

Let me thank you again and I hope you will convey my appreciation to Commander Hamilton.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
Director

NOTE: Address and first name salutation per prior letter dated 10/15/79.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bailey

DATE: 5/21/80

FROM :

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR'S APPEARANCE
~~NATIONAL PRESS CLUB POST #20~~
~~AMERICAN LEGION~~
SPEECH MATTER

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PURPOSE: To request that the Director favorably consider, or choose to select a representative, to participate in a media event sponsored by American Legion Post #20 representing the National Press.

RECOMMENDATION: That Director Webster accept, or designate an appropriate representative of the FBI, to participate in a panel presentation regarding the U. S. Intelligence Community sponsored by American Legion Post #20, National Press, 6/5/80, Washington, D. C. A buffet dinner will follow the panel presentation in the ballroom of the National Press Club.

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DETAILS: Post Commander Edward Von Rothkirch of National Press Post #20, American Legion, by mailgram dated 5/19/80, has invited Director Webster to participate in a media event covering the U. S. Intelligence Community. (A copy of the mailgram is attached).

As an on-going program of National Press #20 of the American Legion, controversial subjects have been made a part of periodic media programs. Members of the National

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SEE ADDENDUM BY INTELLIGENCE
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- 1 - Mr. Boynton
- 1 - Mr. O'Malley
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- 1 - Mr. Bailey
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[] to Bailey Memo
Re: Request for Director's Appearance
National Press Club Post #20
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Press Club are invited to these activities sponsored by the National Press American Legion Post #20 for informative and educational reasons. This particular meeting, with its panel discussion, is designed to invite representatives of Federal agencies involved with the Intelligence Community and other persons with opposing national views regarding this activity.

National Press Post #20 has endeavored to develop programs designed for media representatives which will present topics of controversiality. By and large they are informative and are not constructed for attribution. Their concept is to present a forum which, while informal, is nevertheless educational and provides an environment which news media personnel may candidly participate.

The American Legion Post, representing the National Press, is sincerely desirous of permitting various government agencies the opportunity to provide institutional views while, at the same time, allowing the polarized position to be brought forward. It is, therefore, being recommended that the FBI, an intrinsic part of today's Intelligence Community (both foreign and domestic), participate in this activity.

Should the Director's schedule permit, his presence and contributions would inestimably contribute to this endeavor, however, another Bureau official as knowledgeable in our foreign counterintelligence and domestic intelligence activities would stand this Bureau in good stead by their presence.

The meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., 6/5/80, at the ballroom of the National Press Club, Washington, D. C., with a buffet dinner, which will follow the panel discussion.

If approved, this commitment will be confirmed telephonically with Commander Rothkirch, National Press Post #20, by SA [].

to Bailey Memo
Re: Request for Director's Appearance
National Press Club Post #20
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Speech Matter

ADDENDUM BY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION: EJO:lm1 5/27/80

If the Director does not desire to make the appearance at the National Press Club Post #20, American Legion, Assistant Director E. J. O'Malley will appear as the FBI representative. Should the Director approve of Assistant Director O'Malley's appearance, no classified information will be used.

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DR EDWARD VON ROTHKIRCH
767 NATIONAL PRESS BLDG
WASHINGTON DC 20045

WESTERN UNION MAILGRAM

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DEAR [REDACTED]

ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL PRESS POST 20 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE DIRECTOR WILLIAM WEBSTER TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR MEDIA EVENT WHICH WILL COVER THE US INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY (DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN), AND DEFEND ITS ROLE IN OUR NATIONAL SECURITY. IF THE DIRECTOR IS NOT AVAILABLE WE WOULD TO SECURE ANOTHER QUALIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE FBI WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PANEL ON THE SUBJECT OF INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS IN A DEMOCRACY (THE EXACT TITLE WILL BE SELECTED LATER THIS WEEK) THIS WILL BE FROM 6 TO 8PM ON THURSDAY JUNE 5 1980 AT THE BALLROOM OF THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB. THE SPEAKER WILL BE OUR GUEST AT THE BUFFET DINNER THAT WILL FOLLOW. EACH SPEAKER IS ALLOTTED 12 MINUETS AND AFTER ALL THE SPEAKERS HAVE SPOKEN THERE WILL BE A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. AT PRESENT OUR SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE LIEUTENANT GENERAL DANIEL GRAHAM RETIRED HEAD OF THE DIA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EITHER ONE OR TWO SPEAKERS TO BE SELECTED THIS WEEK WHO WILL TAKE THE CON POSITION ON THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION KEY MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE SORRY FOR THE DELAY IN NOTIFYING YOU PLEASE ADVISE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE SPEAKER FOR THIS EVENT.

EDWARD VON ROTHKIRCH, POST COMMANDER
NATIONAL PRESS POST 20 AMERICAN LEGION 767 NATIONAL PRESS BLDG
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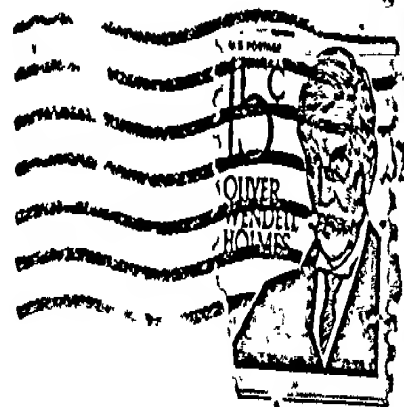
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Mr. William Webster
Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

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OFFICE OF NATIONAL ADJUTANT
THE AMERICAN LEGION
P. O. Box 1055
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46206

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

National Commander Frank I. Hamilton
requests the pleasure of your company
as a Distinguished Guest at the
Sixty-second Annual National Convention of
The ¹⁰American Legion - NATIONAL
Boston, Massachusetts
August sixteenth to twenty-first
Nineteen hundred and eighty

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NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
(please print)

I accept the National Commander's invitation to attend the 62nd National Convention of The American Legion in Boston, Massachusetts.

My wife will _____ will not _____ attend.

I request assistance in obtaining the following accommodations at the Headquarters Hotel, Sheraton-Boston.

Single _____ Double _____ Twin _____ Suite _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

I have made other arrangements to be housed at _____

I will
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My wife
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_____	_____	Natl. Comdr's Dinner	Tue., Aug. 19	7:30 p.m.
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_____	_____	Business Sessions	Aug. 20-21	9:00 a.m.

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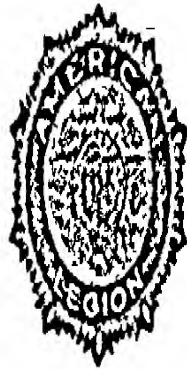
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National Adjutant
The American Legion
P. O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

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I am delighted you plan to attend our 62nd National Convention in Boston. Convention credentials will be held in your name by our Distinguished Guests Committee which will maintain its headquarters in the Sheraton Boston Hotel. You may pick them up there at your convenience, beginning August 16.

Please fill in and return the enclosed postal card, indicating the functions you plan to attend, and function tickets will be prepared for you. For those not living in the Boston area, a postal card for travel information is also enclosed. Complete by indicating your name and address, your time of arrival and departure, and mode of transportation.

*Frank I. Hamilton
National Commander*

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(Name)

(Address)

My travel schedule in connection with attendance at The American Legion National Convention in Boston, Mass. is as follows:

Arrival Date _____ Time _____

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Train or Bus _____ Auto _____

Departure Date _____ Time _____

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National Adjutant
The American Legion
P. O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

June 12, 1980

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Honorable Frank I. Hamilton
National Commander
Office of National Adjutant
The American Legion *National*
Post Office Box 1055
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Thank you for inviting me to be a distinguished guest at the Annual National Convention of the American Legion August 16-21, 1980. While I would like to join you in Boston, my schedule of commitments will not permit it.

I appreciate your thinking of me and extend best wishes for a successful convention.

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Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
William H. Webster
Director

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- 1 - Mr. Schiappa - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Hale - Enclosure
- 1 - Speech Desk - Enclosure

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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July 15, 1980

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Honorable William H. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Déar Mr. Webster:

Today Girls Nation held its election of officers so the 1980 session now has a full time administration thus enabling us to give you the name of the girl which the victorious party has appointed to your counterpart office at Girls Nation this year. She is:



Enclosed is a biography for conversational background information preparatory to her appointment to meet with you on Friday, July 18, 1980.

We deeply appreciate your receiving this young lady and for your help in making possible this youth training course in the processes of federal government.

Sincerely,

Agnes Kennedy

MRS. BERNARD KENNEDY
National President

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*To see Mr. Colwell
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NAME:

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SCHOOL:

Ottawa Hills High School

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Student Congress President; Class Executive Board;
Varsity Club; Business Office Education Club; National
Honor Society

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Recipient of the Gustave Wolfe Award for Leadership;
Scholarships; City and Regional Champion in Tennis

GIRLS STATE OFFICE:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Tutor for high school students; Volunteer worker for
School millege

TALENT:

Ballet; Dancing; Public Speaking; Journalism

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Judge

American Legion

July 21, 1980

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JUDGE:

I met with [redacted]
on 7/18/80, talked with her for
a few minutes, and she subse-
quently was given a VIP tour.

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She made the attached
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on your behalf.

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~~Lee Colwell~~

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July 29, 1980

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Dear [Redacted]:

American Legion - Washington

I hope you enjoyed your visit to FBI Headquarters and the tour of our facilities on July 18th. I have received the greeting plaque which you so thoughtfully presented to Executive Assistant Director Colwell in my absence. I regret I was not here to personally accept it, but I know Mr. Colwell enjoyed meeting you. It was indeed an honor to have such a talented young lady serve as my counterpart, and I hope your visit with us helped to make this year's session a success.

With warm best wishes and thanks,

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster

William H. Webster
Director

Mr. Colwell

NOTE: [Redacted] met with Executive Assistant Director Colwell on 7-18-80, in the Director's absence from the country. She was appointed the American Legion's Girls Nation counterpart to Director of the FBI, and met with Mr. Colwell during the Girls Nation's annual training course held in Washington, D. C.

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*See note to
Judge 8/14/81
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The American Legion



For God and Country

* NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS * P.O. BOX 1055 * INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46206. *
(317) 635-8411 *

OUTSIDE SOURCE

July 30, 1981

The Honorable Judge William H. Webster
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Bill:

For a number of years Tom Call was liaison between The American Legion and the FBI. Then, briefly, it was [redacted] Now, as far as I know, we don't have one.

The American Legion has been supportive of the FBI and its law enforcement efforts for many years.

Would it be possible for you to appoint one of your people to serve as liaison between our organization and the Bureau? I have discussed this matter with our National Adjutant Bob Spanogle, who supports this suggestion.

I don't know if the Bureau still does this, but if so, we would like to have a closer relationship with the FBI.

I hope to see [redacted] next month when we hold our annual convention in Honolulu. I was over there two weeks ago making media arrangements and talked to [redacted] oldest son. He said his dad was in Arizona on a project, but would return by August 1. Enclosed is a mention about [redacted] from the Honolulu Advertiser.

There are a number of good Legionnaires in the Bureau. Some belong to the FBI post. Others are in posts throughout the country. One especially interested in this project is John Kelly, your AIC in Jackson, Miss. He has been a member of the Public Relations Commission for a long time.

Best regards,

AUG 27 1981

FRED A. WOODRESS
National Director
Public Relations

cc: Bob Spanogle, National Adjutant

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the Waianae coast:

problems & promise

thropologists in collaboration with the Bishop Museum delved into learning techniques among Hawaiian Americans and discovered a range of differences directly related to lifestyle.

For instance, in a study called "Culture, Behavior and Education, a study of Hawaiian Americans," researchers Ronald Gallimore and Alan Howard said:

"Nothing is more incorrect than the stereotype of the 'lazy' Hawaiian; they are industrious and willing people, but their commitments are always more firm and productive if the goal is an intensification of human relationships rather than an accumulation of personal wealth or some individual achievement."

For Hawaiians, they also said, "non-contractual human relations are the most congenial . . ." and that Hawaiians have a profound distaste for both public failure and public recognition.

In terms of individual accomplishment, they said: "Those who seek the spotlight will invariably become alienated from the group if their behavior is interpreted as an attempt to make others look inferior or bad."

"If one is, in fact, deserving of praise or special attention, it is good manners to belittle whatever it is ('ain't no big thing') and make a mild self-deprecatory joke. One can enjoy being the focus of attention, but to pursue and relish such attention ('show off') is the avenue to rejection."

They also noted that "Hawaiian children are taught from infancy to seek help, approval and comfort from others, but with increasing maturity the form which their overtures may take is drastically altered."

"Since parents are apt to interpret vigorous efforts to get attention as intrusive, children begin to develop a set of subtle, passive tactics to signal needs." The child "learns that confrontation, i.e. making an issue of what he wants, can lead to unpleasant consequences."

Additionally, UH Anthropology Professor Stephen Boggs has spent almost a dozen years probing how Hawaiian children learn by studying Nanakuli Elementary students.

He discovered, among other things, that Hawaiian children learn best by example and replication, or by a good model. And they learn best in a relationship characterized by two things: discipline and affection.

The best such relationship, says Boggs, is with a grandparent, or *kupuna*. In the Hawaiian social system it was the grandparents' role to teach the children while the parents worked.

Boggs points out that Hawaiian and part-Hawaiian children also learn collectively — as a group. From their experience, he says, when they're singled out for attention, it's liable to be "negative" attention.

And when they're scolded they've learned to make themselves scarce. That, points out Boggs, is exactly opposite to what a teacher expects. He or she figures a child, once scolded, should pay more attention.

A couple of classes at Waianae High School try to regenerate student interest by working with their natural affinity for the ocean. Already the "Ho'i ana i ke kai" ("Return to the sea") marine program taught by Peter Apo and Moon is striking a responsive chord with chronic truants.

In groups the students make their own nets, learn navigation, map reading, fishing, even cook their catch on the schoolgrounds — which once brought the principal racing to the scene of the "fire."

In the marine program, says Moon, "they experience success and that's very important." It all clicked so well for one student that he now wants to get a degree in marine technology.

For some, earning their life-saving and water safety card in this program is one of the few successes of their lives.

Water safety instructor Moki Matthews recently graduated 87 delighted kids. "It helps them with their schoolwork, too," he says. He's convinced just having the pool classes keeps some kids in school.

the kids back into the system." "Make the kids conform." But I don't think the system conforms to the needs."

Research done by the Kamehameha Schools has substantiated the claims of a cultural mismatch:

The Kamehameha Schools Early Education Project, better known as KEEP, has shown that more personal, flexible and less rigid approaches to teaching Hawaiian and part-Hawaiian children to read are shooting their test scores up to match national levels.

In the past couple of years KEEP has moved into elementary schools with the lowest scores. Nanaikapono Elementary in Nanakuli was one. Last year its second-grade KEEP students were reading at the national average.

Among things KEEP emphasizes is setting up the classroom to reflect some of the patterns of the child's culture, including a "talk-story" kind of reinforcement to learning, breaking into small groups, and "child management" of the classroom which generally means having the teacher step back and give the children some responsibility for directing each other.

This last is a classic social pattern in Hawaiian families: the older children are given much of the responsibility for directing and looking after the younger ones.

When statistics came out showing KEEP's major successes, project director Kim Sloat told a reporter:

"I think we've demonstrated that these kids here — in Kalihi, in Pahoehoe (on the Big Island), in Nanakuli, — can do well in school. It's clear as a bell they can achieve at national levels given the right conditions."

Already KEEP is being expanded in Nanakuli and will be expanded into Waianae Elementary for the first time this fall. "Our hope," said Sloat, "is if you really hit hard (at basic reading skills) in the early years, it will enable them to compete successfully."

While the Department of Education has supported KEEP at Nanaikapono, and its results give validity to the cultural "mismatch" philosophy, others are looking for additional educational breakthroughs.

Already, after two years of study, the Waianae CAP School Concerns Coalition has suggested:

- Switching to a broader range of vocational education in high school to give practical skills to youngsters who may not go on to technical school or college.

- Revamping the standard curriculum to dovetail with Waianae's cultural values.

While Waianae principal Lee Loy has been open to making some changes in this direction at the school, he says, "I have to depend on the Department of Education and our personnel for their support. Even if the community says we want this and we want that, I have to be attuned to what we can deliver satisfactorily and adequately."

But he adds: "Anything that will be attractive and meaningful to the youngsters, then I am for it."

"If surfing is something that's going to be significant for the youngsters, then I believe in doing a program . . . And fishing is an industry we need to look at more carefully," he says, speaking in terms of teaching students the various techniques.

Even as people search for solutions they tend to find scapegoats, and over the years there have been many. The parents blame teachers; teachers blame home environments; and almost anyone can find fault with the Department of Education.

Says Padello: "I really think this has got to be the biggest crime on the Waianae coast — the Department of Education has failed to educate the kids. The teachers who are low man on the totem pole get last choice, and that's out here."

However Allen Fujiyama, the DOE's Leeward District personnel specialist, denies that is true and says "we have had many senior teachers teaching in that area for years and liking it."

Some say the inspiration must come from home, although there are teachers who see battered children who doggedly show up for school, despite the bruises.

Others say inspiration is crucial in the classroom, and if a child figures a teacher doesn't like him, it could make the difference whether he stays in school or not, and whether he excels. Very often a single

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FROM OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ROGER S. YOUNG

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August 14, 1981

JUDGE,

Either Fred's memory is slipping or I have failed in my informal mission. You may recall that at about the same time Fred visited you in your office (about four months ago), Fred and I went to lunch and he told me that he was looking for "liaison" between the American Legion and the FBI. In particular, Fred indicated that the FBI used to perform such services as picking up the National Commander of the American Legion at the airport and transporting him hither and yon. I told Fred at that time that we would have some difficulty in performing those services today and I thought he clearly understood where I was coming from. I also told him, however, that we would be happy to perform whatever services we could for the Legion and would certainly be responsive to any inquiries they made.

I am opposed to establishing liaison with the American Legion outside of Washington and I think that the liaison should be established, if at all, at a middle-management level. There are several strong Legion members assigned to Headquarters including [redacted] and [redacted]. In particular, I think SAC John Kelly in Jackson should not be named to such position.

With your authority, I will discuss this further with both Lee Colwell and John Otto and, unless they raise new considerations, I will recommend an Agent here at Headquarters to serve as liaison with the American Legion and will prepare a response to Fred so advising him.

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ROGER YOUNG

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155-15 Mr. Young

See letter to Mr. Wooster
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August 20, 1981

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Mr. Fred A. Woodress
National Director
Public Relations
The American Legion
Post Office Box 1055
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear Fred, *XV RC*

Judge Webster will be out of Washington until late next week and has asked me to respond to your letter of July 30th. He is combining a business trip with a few days off in Michigan for some well-deserved rest. With the pace of things these days, though, I doubt if there will be many moments when he will be able to put work completely out of his mind.

Your suggestion to appoint an Agent to serve as liaison between the American Legion and the FBI certainly has merit and Judge Webster has asked [] to serve in that capacity. [] is assigned to our Intelligence Division here at Headquarters and can be reached by telephone at []. As you are aware, until this past summer [] served as Post Commander of FBI Post 56 here in Washington, and he is serving at the present time as Vice Commander for the Department of the District of Columbia. He is thoroughly familiar with Legion and FBI activities so I'm sure he will fit the bill perfectly.

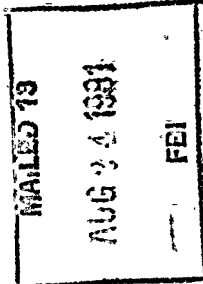
I know that you recognize, per our conversation several months ago, that there may be certain limitations on our liaison activities, which concerns did not exist several years ago. It probably would be helpful for you to chat with [] at an early date about this matter.

I suppose you'll be heading for Honolulu in the near future and I certainly envy you. I do hope to spend a couple of weeks in San Diego in mid-September, so I guess I can't complain too much.

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- 1 - Mr. Mintz (route through for review and approval) Enc. (3)
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Mr. Fred A. Woodress

I hope the above arrangements will be satisfactory to you and I know you will enjoy working with [redacted] He will look forward to hearing from you in the not-too-distant future.

Sincerely,

RS
Roger S. Young
Assistant Director in Charge
Office of Congressional
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To : Mr. E. J. O'Malley

Date 3/18/82

From : J. H. Geer

Subject : JACK W. FLYNT
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION
 REQUEST TO SEE THE DIRECTOR
 MARCH 25, 1982

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PURPOSE:

To set forth a request for Commander Flynt to pay a courtesy call on Judge Webster, 3/25/82..

RECOMMENDATION:

It is strongly recommended that Judge Webster, if available, afford Commander Flynt and the Executive Director of The American Legion, Mylio S. Keraja, the opportunity to pay a courtesy call on the date indicated.

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Memorandum to Mr. E. J. O'Malley from J. H. Geer
RE: JACK W. FLYNT
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION
REQUEST TO SEE THE DIRECTOR
MARCH 25, 1982

DETAILS:

On 3/17/82, Mylio S. Kraja, Executive Director, The American Legion, Washington, D. C., advised that Jack W. Flynt, National Commander, The American Legion, would be in Washington, D. C., in connection with a ground-breaking ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial on 3/25-26/82, and in connection with this trip, desires to pay a courtesy call on the Director, if available and time permits, between the hours of 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., 3/25/82. He will be accompanied by Mr. Kraja, and in the event such an appointment can be arranged, Liaison Officer [redacted] will accompany Commander Flynt and Mr. Kraja to the Director's Office.

Additionally, it should be noted that National Commander Flynt is the elected leader of The American Legion, with a total membership of approximately 2,650,000 located throughout the United States and major portions of the world. In his capacity as National Commander, during the remainder of his term (August, 1982, when a new National Commander will be elected by the delegates at the National Convention in Chicago, Illinois), Commander Flynt will be in constant travel status. The 3/25/82 date is not the only opportunity he would have to personally meet with the Director as he makes frequent trips to the Washington, D. C., area.

There is nothing contained in FBIHQ files concerning Commander Flynt or Mr. Kraja which would preclude a courtesy call on the Director.

A biographic sketch on National Commander Flynt is attached hereto for information.

FROM: National Public Relations Division, The American Legion, Washington, D.C. 20006

JACK W. FLYNT
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION
(Biographical Sketch)

Jack W. Flynt, 58, of Dimmitt, Texas, was elected National Commander of The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization of nearly 2.7 million members, at the closing session of the Legion's 63rd annual National Convention Sept. 3 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he served in the Persian Gulf area and in the European Theater with Headquarters and Service Company, Allied Forces Headquarters, Caserta, Italy. He has been an active Legionnaire for nearly 30 years and is a member of Greer H. Estes Post 445, Dimmitt, Texas.

He attended Texas A&M for two and a half years before leaving school to enter military service. On return to civilian life, he resumed his formal education at West Texas State University.

He has been engaged in farming, ranching, farm related businesses and the insurance industry throughout his working career. He was designated a Charter Life Underwriter by the American College of Life Underwriters in 1974. He withdrew from active participation in his private business early in 1981 to devote full time to his campaign for the office of National Commander of The American Legion.

Flynt has taken an active role throughout his three decades of membership. He served his home post as service officer, commander and adjutant, an office which he held until his election as National Commander.

He held many district and department (state) offices in The American Legion of Texas, including that of Department Commander in 1966-67. During that same year his wife, Mary, served as Department President for the Texas American Legion Auxiliary.

At the state level, he was a member of the Finance Committee, Department Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Department Convention City Commission, Rehabilitation Commission, a counselor at Texas Boys State and President of The American Legion Convention City Corporation of Texas.

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At the National level of Legion activity, Flynt served four years as Texas' American Legion National Executive Committeeman and nine of his thirteen years as a member of the National Americanism Commission were spent as chairman of the Subcommittee for Youth Activities. In 1974-75, he was National Vice Commander of The American Legion.

Commander Flynt's family is thoroughly American Legion oriented. His wife has been active in the Auxiliary. Their son, U.S. Air Force Capt. [REDACTED] is a member of George S. Berry American Legion Post 575, Lubbock, Texas, and was a citizen of Texas American Legion Boys State. Their daughters, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both are members of the American Legion Auxiliary and former citizens of Texas American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State.

Flynt is active in affairs of his church, having served as Sunday School Superintendent for five years, secretary of his church's official board and secretary of Methodist Men.

He is a member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas, Texas A&M Century Club, Farm Bureau and several Agricultural commodities organizations. He is also a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of all Masonic Orders.

He has served as fund drive chairman for the Salvation Army and for the Red Cross Chapter of his home community.

Through all of his activities in the Legion and civic and social service, Commander Flynt has shown an intense interest in young people and in family life. Among his principal objectives during his term of office will be to emphasize the importance of American youth and the need to restore in American family life the morality, integrity and respect that has made the family the bedrock foundation of American Society.

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Mr. William H. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20235

Dear Mr. Webster:

The 36th annual ~~Boys Nation~~, a citizenship-training program sponsored by The American Legion, will again be held in Washington, D. C., July 23-31, 1982. One hundred high school students, two selected from each Boys State (which is the study of state government) make up a mock United States Senate, learning by doing about the federal level of government, including electing a President and Vice President. During their week-long activities in our Nation's Capitol, they visit federal agencies as well as national monuments, including a visit with the President at the White House.

I believe it would be an extremely worthwhile experience for these outstanding young men to visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It would be appreciated if a tour could be scheduled for them for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 1982. In addition, we would very much like to have a Bureau speaker address the Boys Nation Senate at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 1982. This would be an excellent lead-in to the tour on Tuesday.

Boys Nation will be held at American University, with all formal sessions of the Boys Nation Senate in Ward Auditorium, which is just off Ward Circle at Nebraska and Massachusetts Avenue.

We hope your response will be favorable to our request to include the Bureau in our Boys Nation program. The Program Coordinator, [redacted] has made preliminary contact with [redacted], Special Agent-Liaison Officer with the Bureau and an officer with The American Legion Department of the District of Columbia.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jack W. Flynt
JACK W. FLYNT
National Commander

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May 13, 1982

OUTSIDE SOURCE


Mr. Jack W. Flynt
 National Commander
 The American Legion
 National Headquarters
 P.O. Box 1055
 Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear Mr. Flynt:

Your letter to Director William H. Webster has been referred to me for handling. I am pleased to confirm a tour of FBI Headquarters for the Boys Nation participants at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 1982. Please have the group report to our building entrance on E Street between Ninth and Tenth Streets approximately ten minutes before the scheduled starting time. The tour lasts about an hour.

I am also pleased to designate Supervisory Special Agent [redacted] of my staff to address the Boys Nation Senate at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 26, at American University. Please contact him directly at telephone number [redacted] to discuss any additional details.

We appreciate this opportunity to return some of the support the FBI has received from your organization over the years.

Sincerely yours, 

R/S
 Roger S. Young
 Assistant Director in Charge
 Office of Congressional and
 Public Affairs

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Note: Tour arranged through Tour Unit, OCPA. Per SA []
[] INTD Liaison Officer, the request for a Bureau speaker requires only a standard "FBI Jurisdiction" address, and not an appearance by a high level FBI official. SA [] designated by Unit Chief [] OCPA, Speech Unit, to handle in view of his other youth-related activities with the Law Enforcement Explorers program. These tours and remarks have been traditional in past years. Nothing in Bufiles to preclude this response. TRP:an (13)

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To : Mr. Young

Date 12/3/82

From : P. A. Zolbe

Subject : NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION (NSC)
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AMERICAN LEGION
REQUEST FOR TOUR AND BRIEFING

PURPOSE: To advise of request of the NSC, American Legion, for an FBI tour and a presentation regarding FBI activities.

RECOMMENDATION: That the NSC, comprised of approximately 200 members, be afforded an FBI tour and a subsequent presentation by the Assistant Directors of the Investigative Division and the Intelligence Division.

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DETAILS: Mr. James Hubbard, Deputy Director, National Security Formulation Division of the American Legion, requested that the NSC of the American Legion be given an FBI tour and a subsequent presentation on FBI activities Wednesday, 2/23/83.

[Redacted] of the Tour Unit, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, has been apprised of this request and has reserved the 9:00 a.m. time period to facilitate a tour for the nearly 200 members of the NSC of the American Legion.

The auditorium has been reserved for 10:30 a.m. for the same date and access to the auditorium, for security purposes, has been arranged through the Building and Space Management Section. Messrs. Revell and O'Malley have agreed to make briefing presentations at 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., respectively, regarding activities of the Investigative and Intelligence Divisions.

Mr. Hubbard has been apprised of these arrangements.

- 1 - Mr. Groover
- 1 - Mr. O'Malley
- 1 - Mr. Revell
- 2 - Mr. Young (1 - Mr. Maynard)
- 1 - Mr. Zolbe

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

November 24, 1982

Mr. William H. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 22206

Dear Mr. Webster:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend to you this formal and most cordial invitation for you to be our speaker at the National Commander's Banquet for the National Executive Committee on May 4, 1982 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The audience will be comprised of the top leaders of our organization as well as guests and ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary. As a strong supporter of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its most worthwhile endeavors, The American Legion has traditionally stood for law and order and has recognized not only your Agency but many local departments in the fight against crime.

I would personally consider it a great honor to have you join us as my guest speaker and hope that your busy schedule will allow you to attend. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes to you for a happy holiday season, I am

Sincerely,

Al Keller Jr.

AL KELLER, JR.
National Commander

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January 17, 1983

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~~Mr. Al Keller, Jr.~~
~~National Commander~~
~~The American Legion~~
~~1608 K Street, N. W.~~
~~Washington, D. C. 20006~~

Dear Mr. Keller:

American Legion

I have received your letter of November 24, inviting me to address the National Commander's Banquet for the National Executive Committee on May 4 in Indianapolis, Indiana. I am honored by your invitation and would like to accept. Unfortunately, I have a potential schedule conflict involving foreign travel. This would preclude me from being with you. I have delayed responding to you in the hope that I could work out this conflict.

I realize that you are in the process of trying to firm up your plans also. If it will meet your needs, I would like to give you a qualified acceptance with the promise that I will give you a firm answer, one way or the other, no later than March 1. However, if this does not meet your needs, I will understand. In the meantime, I will maintain contact with you through [redacted] of my staff.

I want to thank you again for thinking of me and to extend to you my best wishes in the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster

William H. Webster
Director

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NOTE: Response per Director. Plans for European travel, 4/29-5/1, may be extended. Bufiles reflect nothing to preclude this response.

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February 11, 1983

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Mr. Al Keller, Jr.
National Commander
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

American Legion

Dear Mr. Keller:

I want to thank you again for inviting me to address the National Commander's Banquet for the National Executive Committee on May 4 and for giving me the additional time that I needed to work out the potential conflict in my schedule. I am now pleased to advise you that I am looking forward to being with you in Indianapolis.

I am enclosing a copy of my official biography and two color photographs which you requested through [redacted] of my staff. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to recontact [redacted]

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM H. WEBSTER

William H. Webster
Director

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NOTE: Letter is in response to 11/24/82 letter from Mr. Keller inviting Director to deliver 5/4/83 speech in Indianapolis, IN. Interim response sent by Director on 1/17/83 giving qualified acceptance to invitation with promise of a firm answer prior to 3/1/83. This letter furnishes that answer. Bufiles reflect nothing to preclude this response.

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

June 5, 1984

Honorable William H. Webster
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Director:

I requested my Washington staff to set up an appointment with you during either the months of May or June but unfortunately they were unable to establish a date that was convenient to both of our busy schedules.

While I certainly understand some of the circumstances that prevented our meeting, I hope that in the very near future as the leader of the world's largest veterans organization, I will have the opportunity to not only pay our respects to you and the office that you hold, but further to discuss some problems mutual to both of our organizations.

Mr. Kraja of my Washington office has been my contact with your office and I would certainly appreciate the establishment of a direct liaison to accomplish a meeting in the very near future. Mr. Kraja is our Executive Director and may be reached at 861-2711.

Respectfully,

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Keith Kreul
Keith Kreul
National Commander

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Keith Kreul

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MYLIO S. KRAJA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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OUTSIDE SOURCE

June 15, 1984

Mr. Mylio S. Kraja
Executive Director
Washington Office
The American Legion - National
1608 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Kraja:

My associate, [redacted] has told me that Commander Kreul will be in Washington on June 25th. My schedule is such that we could meet in my office at 9:30 a.m. on that date if it would be acceptable to the Commander.

Upon arrival at the J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building, please advise our Escort Desk of your arrival and arrangements will be made to accompany the Commander to my office. I am looking forward to meeting him and discussing matters which may be of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
John E. Otto *Rm 7110*
Executive Assistant Director

NOTE: Keith Kreul, Commander, American Legion, 1983-1984, has indicated his desire to visit with the Director. The Director has requested EAD Otto handle this commitment.

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Mr. Zeller Rm 1212

Ms. S. P. Hutchinson, Commander
American Legion FBI Post 56

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NOMINATION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR
FBI POST 56 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

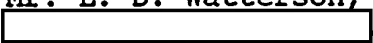
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The nomination of Post 56 officer candidates was presented, assigned and voted upon by the members in attendance at the 5/11/93 meeting of FBI Post 56. The following list of candidates has been proposed by the Nominating Committee for positions as Officers of the FBI Post 56 for the year 1993-1994:

Commander
1st Vice Commander
2nd Vice Commander
3rd Vice Commander
Adjutant
Finance/Membership



Election of officers will be held during the July 1993 Departmental Convention. Any questions on the above may be addressed to Messrs. DENNIS KURRE, JAMES VAUGH, or EARL WATTERSON.

- 1 - 62-HQ-79822
- ① - 94-HQ-1-17998
- 1 - Mr. D. G. Kurre, Room 11262
- 1 - Mr. J. W. Vaugh, Room 1302
- 1 - Mr. E. D. Watterson, Room 9911
- 1 -  Room 10863
- 1 - Each Officer Candidate _____

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August 18, 1993
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Mr. W. Douglas Gow
Associate Deputy Director - Investigations
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building, Room 7116
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Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Gow:

Thank you for speaking to the 1993 Class of American Legion Boys Nation. The information about possible careers in law enforcement was well received by both the boys and staff.

The FBI has always had a part in the schedule of activities at Boys Nation. In recent years, it has been the public tour. Your presentation was a change that gave us a different perspective on the operation and activities of the Bureau. I would welcome any suggestions you might have on how best to tell the FBI story in future sessions. We will be back in 1994 with the 48th anniversary session on July 22-30.

Again, thanks for your role in making this historic session of Boys Nation one in which to keep as a pattern for future encampments.

Yours in service to God and Country, I am

Sincerely,

RONALD A. KENGEL, Director
American Legion Boys Nation

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cc: Marty Justis, Director - Americanism and Children & Youth Division
Jack Mercier, Director of Activities - American Legion Boys Nation

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August 25, 1993

Mr. Ronald A. Engel
Director
American Legion Boys National
P. O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1055

Dear Mr. Engel:

Thank you for your letter of August 18, 1993. It was a pleasure for me to address your group of young men and they certainly impressed me with their interest in our activities.

In the future, I would be happy to help facilitate setting up a tour or providing additional speakers on any topics regarding the FBI that the group might have an interest in discussing. Feel free to contact me when you are scheduling your next encampment.

Sincerely,

W. Douglas Gow

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March 5, 1995

Mr. Ronald A. Engel
Director
American Legion Boys Nation
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Indianapolis, IN 46206

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Dear Ron,

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 20, 1996 regarding this year's Boys Nation. I, and the members of the FBI's J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Post #56 will be happy to accommodate you on Tuesday, July 23, 1996, which I gather from your letter is the date you prefer to visit FBI Headquarters.

Please provide us with the time of day, number of people, and length of stay you anticipate so that we can arrive at a mutually satisfactory schedule. Once again, I will notify the Director's office of your desire to have him address the group. It would also be a good idea for you to write him with your request once we have finalized the schedule and agenda.

One additional thing you may want to consider is having a lunch or dinner at the home of Post 176, the largest Post in Virginia. They have a very large and nice home within easy access from Interstate 95 just south of Washington, D.C. at the Springfield, Virginia exit. We of Post 56, have a very close and cooperative association with Post 176. I am certain they would be pleased to have you, the Boys Nation members, and your staff stop in for a visit if it would assist you in any way with your program needs and schedule.

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I will wait to hear from you concerning more specific details and schedule plans before making any arrangements with the Tour Office and the Director.

Sincerely,

Dennis G. Kurre
Deputy Assistant Director
Criminal Justice Information
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